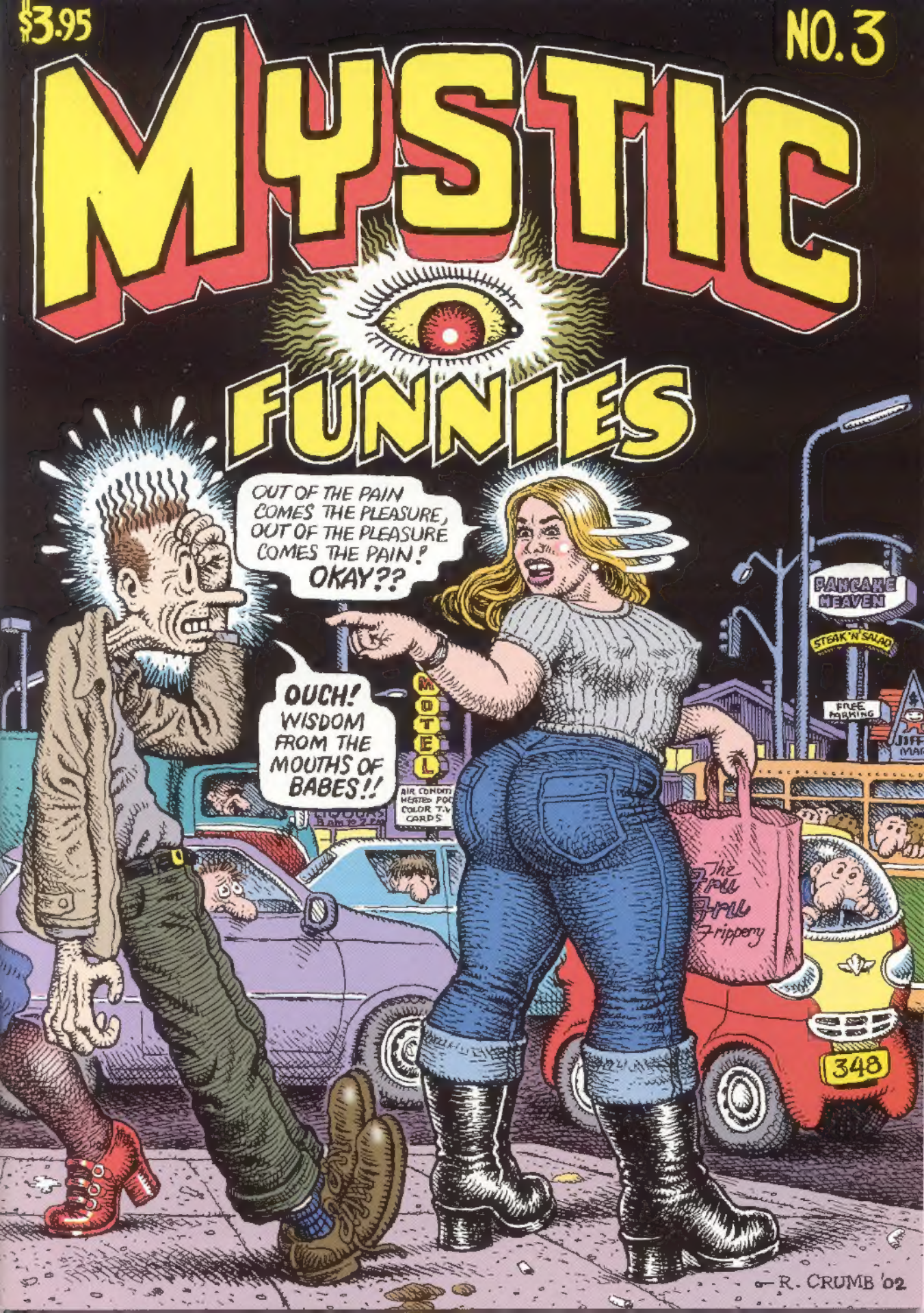
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FUNNIES
OUT OF THE PAIN COMES THE PLEASURE, OUT OF THE PLEASURE COMES THE PAIN! OKAY??
OUCH! WISDOM FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES!!
MOTEL
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STEAK 'N' SALAD
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The OPENING SHOT
GOTCHA!
with
Stan Shnooter
HE-HEY WHUS'HAPNIN', R.?! AM I INTERRUPTING ANYTHING? HAHAHA!
STAN THE MAN SHNOOTER! YOU HAVEN'T MADE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN MY COMICS SINCE THE DAYS OF "HUP"!
YEAH, WELL, I DON'T GO WITH THIS "MYSTIC" BULLSHIT! JUST CHECKIN' UP ON YA, SEE IF YA NEED A KICK IN THE ASS OR NOT! HAHAHA!
OH MAN! I THOUGHT I WAS RID OF HIM FER GOOD!!
HM! I DON'T SEE MUCH PRODUCTION ON TH' DRAWING BOARD OVUH HEAH! IN FACT, WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU DREW ANY COMICS?? Y'KNOW, THE WORLD IS WAITING WITH BAITED BREATH FOR YOUR NEXT FUNNYBOOK, OL' SPORT!
JEEZIZ, THE PRESSURE'S ON! STAN, YOU KNOW I CAN'T PRODUCE ON DEMAND LIKE THAT... I GOTTA, YOU KNOW, WAIT FOR INSPIRATION... I'VE GOT A LOTTA THINGS TO MULL OVER, AND—
INSPIRATION, MY ASS! YOU'VE GONE SOFT, MISTER FUCKIN' MOVIE STAR! I KIN SEE THAT RIGHT AWAY! YOU DON'T HAVE THE HUNGER ANYMORE! YOU'D RATHER SIT AROUND AN' PLAY WITH YOUR OLD RECORDS OR JERK OFF OR SOMETHIN', INNAT RIGHT!?
YOU GOT A NICE LITTLE LIFESTYLE GOIN' HERE IN THE BYOOTIFUL SOUTH OF FRANCE, R., BUT WHERE'RE THOSE TWO BOOKS A YEAR YOU'RE S'POSED TA BE TURNING OUT, EY??
AW JEEZ!
TWO BOOKS!! IZZAT TOO MUCH FOR YA??
HOW-HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO DRAW COMICS?! I'M TOO FAMOUS! THE WORLD WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE! THEY'RE EATING ME ALIVE! I CAN'T FIGHT THEM OFF... I'M NOT TOUGH ENOUGH... DRAWING HAS ACTUALLY BECOME PAINFUL!
SUIT YASELF, BUBBY, BUT IF I WAS YOU I'D TAKE A GOOD CLOSE LOOK AT YER OPTIONS! WHADAYA GONNA DO, GO ON THE LECTURE CIRCUIT??
FUCK YOU, STAN!
NO, FUCK YOU!!
OKAY, THAT'S IT, I'M THROUGH DICKING AROUND WITH YOU! NOW GET YER PENS AN' PAPER AN' GET TO WORK, ASSHOLE!!
Y-YESSIR! RIGHT AWAY, SIR!
DON'T GET UPSET! IT WUZ ONLY A METAPHAUH! HAHA HA
—AND YA KNOW, THAT REMINDS ME OF AN OLD SONG... THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST SONGS, RIGHT, R.?? RIGHT, FRANK??
THIS ONE SAYS IT ALL... GOES SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS...
"TONIGHT SHOW"-TYPE BAND STARTS PLAYING...
THAT'S LIFE, THAT'S WHAT ALL THE PEOPLE SAY— YOU'RE RIDIN' HIGH IN APRIL, SHOT DOWN IN MAY— BUT I KNOW I'M GONNA CHANGE THAT TUNE— WHEN I'M BACK ON TOP, BACK ON TOP IN JUNE—
I SAID THAT'S LIFE, AND AS FUNNY AS IT MAY SEEM— SOME PEOPLE GET THEIR KICKS STOMPIN' ON A DREAM— BUT I DON'T LET IT, DON'T LET IT GET ME DOWN, 'CAUSE THIS FINE OLD WORLD, IT KEEPS SPINNIN' AROUND
I'VE BEEN A PUPPET A PAUPER, A PIRATE A POET A PAWN AN' UP AN' DOWN AN' OVER AN' OUT AN' I KNOW ONE THING EACH TIME I FIN MYSELF FLAT ON MY FACE,

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IT'S A NIGHTMARE WORLD... WHAT'S NEXT?? IT'S...

the HIPMAN

HERE HE COMES DRIVIN' HIS LITTLE "VOITURETTE"! LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS...

C'EST SUPER,* N'EST-CE PAS??

MAN, THIS GOTTA BE THE HIPPEST THING ON WHEELS!

—AND THIS CAR DOESN'T JERK ME AROUND LIKE THE OTHER CARS DO!

WOW! I WISHT I HAD A LI'L CAR LIKE THAT!

A SHMUCK FROM KEOKUK

SQUARE FROM DELAWARE

LEACHEM REALTY

NO

PUTT PUTT PUTT

*PRONOUNCED SOO-PAIR

THIS IS SO PATHETIC, ISN'T IT??

CHECK IT OUT, PEOPLE!

HEY, THAT'S A GOOD CAR FOR THE TYPE OF GUY WHO DRIVES LIKE AN ASSHOLE!

LOONEY TUNES, MAN!

THIS'S A WELL-DESIGNED CAR AND YOU ARE A WELL-DESIGNED HUMAN PERSON! I AM UPLIFTED!

CHK! CHK!

YEP... A SAUCY LITTLE RUN-ABOUT!... THE CAR, I MEAN...

HEY, KNOW WHAT??

NO, WHAT?

TEK CO.

VISIBLE PANTY LINE

UH OH! LET'S HOPE HE DOESN'T START BRAGGING ABOUT HIS NEW JOB! SHE'S LIABLE TO THINK THE HIPMAN IS— INSECURE!

AS OF THIS WEEK I AM AN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT! HOW 'BOUT THAT!?
OOH, ALRIGHT! GIMME FIVE 'N' THAT'S NO JIVE!
YYESSSSS!
PAF!
HA HA HA HA
HEY, I'D OFFER YOU A LIFT BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS'S A ONE-PERSON VEHICLE...
"STICK SHIFT" I'LL WAGER!!
YOU GOT IT, FUNKY BROADWAY SUSIE!
JESUS CHRIST, SHE'S STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE CAR, BLOCKING MY WAY!
HEH HEH, SO, UHH...
EMPIRE BUILDER
SO LISTEN, I GOTTA RUN, GOTTA TA[K] CARE OF BU[SI]NESS, YA KNOW, SO LIKE...
SHE'S FASCINATED BY THE HIPMAN BUT SHE'S TOO AGGRESSIVE.. I'M PUT OFF EVEN THO THE CHICK IS VERY ATTRACTIVE...
OH YEAH?
BRUM BRUM BRUM
DO YOU LIKE INSECTS?
UHH...NNNOT PARTICULARLY...
I REALLY OUGHT TO BE GOING...
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS!
—WITH YOUR FUNNY LITTLE CAR AN' EVERYTHING...
?
BRAMMM!
I THOUGHT YOU LIKED WAY-OUT WEIRD STUFF!
YEAH, SURE! OF COURSE I DO!! IT'S JUST THAT—
SHE'S FOLLOWING ME! SHE MIGHT BE A NUTCASE!
DEN
PUTT PUTT
NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE LYING!!
I AM NOT! BUT COME ON! INSECTS??
WHAT IS IT WITH HER?!
I HOPE SHE'S NOT CARRYING A GUN!
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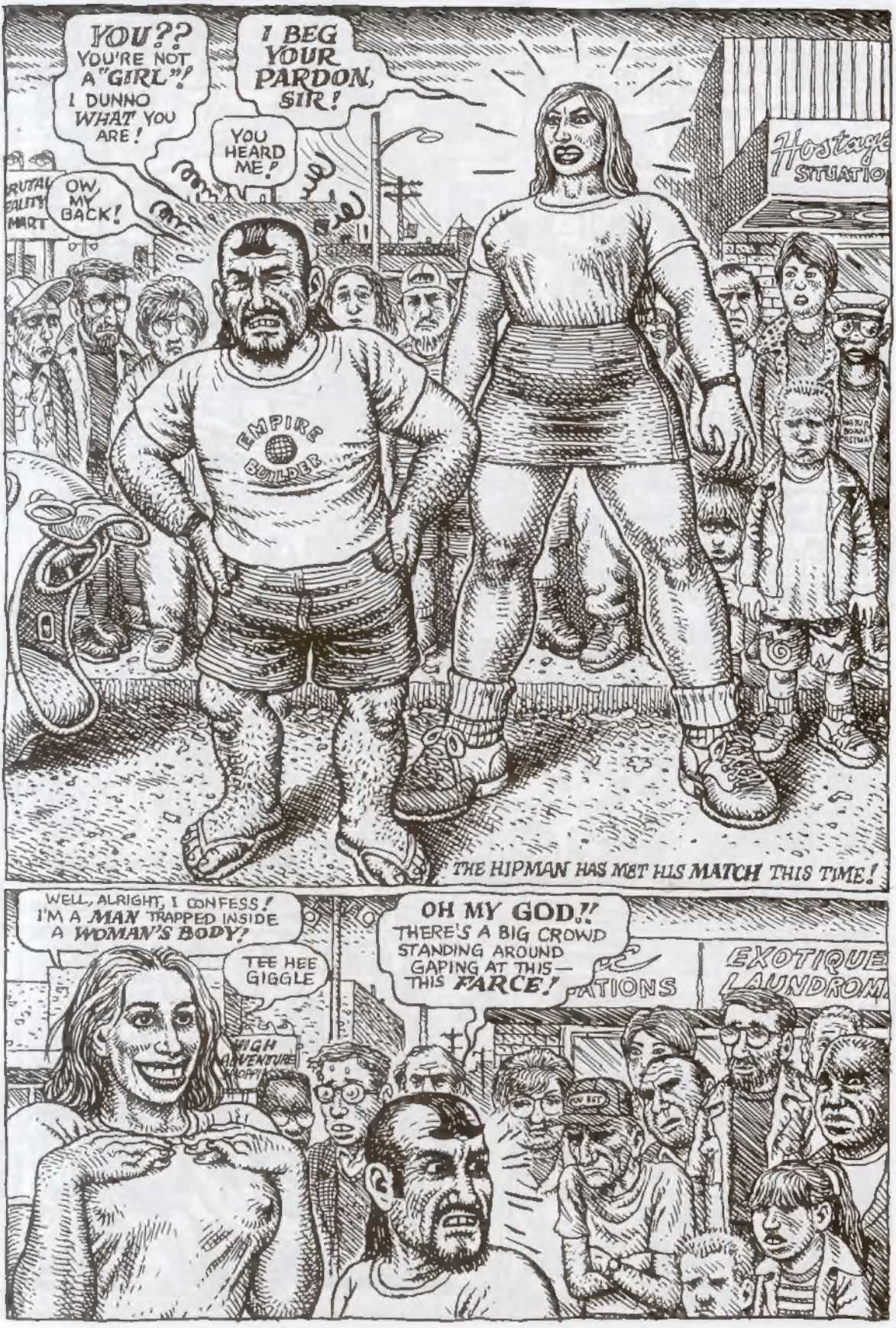
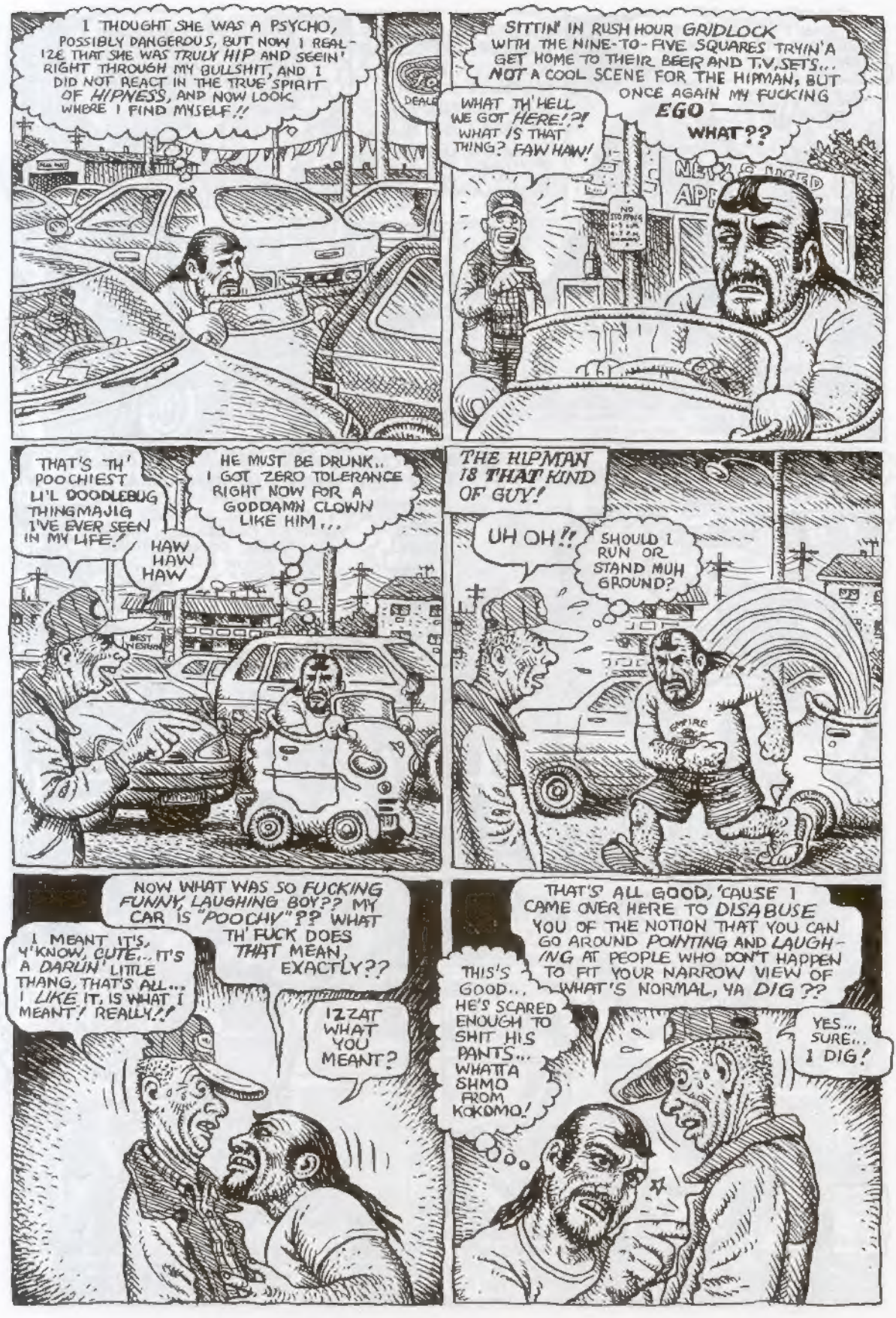
YES. INSECTS! I HAPPEN TO POSSESS A REALLY NEAT INSECT COLLECTION!!
IZZAT RIGHT!? WOW! NOW THAT— THAT IS WEIRD!
KILLER SHOPPING MALL 24/7
MAYBE... TO THE UNINITIATED! BUT TO SOMEONE WHO STUDIES INSECTS AND LEARNS THEIR SECRETS IT IS QUITE A DIFFERENT MATTER!
I DUNNO, I'M SORTA CREEPED OUT BY BUGS, MYSELF... I DUNNO WHAT IT IS...
GOSH, I HOPE SHE'S NOT HIPPER THAN ME... THAT WOULD BE INTOLERABLE!
WELL, COLLECTING IS NOT VERY HIP IN MY BOOK...
HEY, I GOT YOU BY YOUR CAR!!
HA HA HA HA HA
OH MY GOD! I'M LOSING CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU CRAZY BITCH!!
JUICEVILLE DRUG REHAB CENTER
OOPS, SORRY!
MOTHER FUCKER!!
DON'T HOLD BACK! GO AHEAD, LET IT OUT!
THE HIPMAN'S "FEELIN' THE CRUNCH"!
YOU— YOU HAVE SHOWN ME THE ERROR OF MY WAYS, YOU KNOW THAT??
HAVE I REALLY? HOW SO, COMRADE??
THE NEXT CAR I BUY WILL BE A TWO-TON TANK!
OH NOW, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET A LITTLE THING LIKE A GIRL TIPPING OVER YER CAR DISCOURAGE YOU, ARE YOU?
COME ON, BUCK UP!
OOF!


YOU?? YOU'RE NOT A "GIRL"! I DUNNO WHAT YOU ARE!
I BEG YOUR PARDON, SIR!
YOU HEARD ME?
OW, MY BACK!
EMPIRE BUILDER
Hostage SITUATIO
THE HIPMAN HAS MET HIS MATCH THIS TIME!
WELL, ALRIGHT, I CONFESS! I'M A MAN TRAPPED INSIDE A WOMAN'S BODY!
TEE HEE GIGGLE
OH MY GOD!! THERE'S A BIG CROWD STANDING AROUND GAPING AT THIS— THIS FARCE!
EXOTIQUE LAUNDROM

AWRIGHT! AWRIGHT! THE SHOW'S OVER, FOLKS! GO ON ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS!
!
G'WAN, BEAT IT! WHADDAYOU PEOPLE THINK THIS IS, A HOLLY-WOOD MOVIE?? SURE AS SHITTIN' AIN'T!! AWRIGHT??
FOKKIN' PONK!
FOK YOU, MON!
NUTS TA YOU!
WHO'S TALKIN' TA YOU!?
HEY, COME 'ERE! WE HAVE TO TALK! NEVER-MIND THOSE GUYS!
ERK!
HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
EMPIRE BUILDER
OOH-WEE! WHAT A WOMAN!
HERE'S YER FLIP-FLOPS, BIG BOY!
HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
THIS STARTED OUT TO BE SUCH A FUN DAY, AN' NOW LOOK....
SIGH..
I SUPPOSE IT'S ALL MY FAULT...BUT, HEY, I PROBABLY SAVED YOU FROM RECEIVING A SOUND THRASHING FROM THOSE "PACHUCOS," DON'T YOU THINK??
OH YEAH? YOU THINK??
YOU HAVE A VERY SMALL HEAD...DID ANY-ONE EVER TELL YOU THAT?
I KNOW, I KNOW...LOOK, I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR CAR... COME ON, I'LL HELP YOU PUT IT UPRIGHT...
CHEAP SHOT... I GUESS HIS PRIDE MUST BE DEEPLY WOUNDED...

UHH... WELL, OKAY...
JEEZ!?... SHE COULD'VE INSULTED ME BACK ABOUT BEING SHORT, BUT SHE DIDN'T... SHE'S THE SUPERIOR PERSON!
ULP GULP
UH...UM... SO, YOU LIKE TH' LITTLE VOITURETTE, HUH!? IT'S A COOL LITTLE VEHICLE, ISN'T IT?!
UNH!
I DUNNO... NOT A LOTTA LEG ROOM, Y'KNOW'D I MEAN?
HONK
AH HA!! NOW I'VE GOT HER NUMBER!
SO THEN, YOU PREFER A BIGGER CAR!
NO?
NOT REALLY...
OH...
NO... ACTUALLY, I DON'T LIKE CARS VERY MUCH...
AUTO PARTS
EMPIRE
I HATE CARS... I'D RATHER WALK...
NICE MEETING YOU... SEE YOU AROUND...
MAN, LOOKIT THAT ASS! THOSE LEGS! SHE'S BUILT LIKE A BRICK SHIT-HOUSE!
MR. JOHNSON OVER HERE IS GETTING AROUSED!
TAKE OUT
EMPIRE
...HATES CARS... WOULD RATHER WALK... MAYBE THAT'S TH' NEW HIP THING! WALKING INSTEAD OF RIDING IN A STUPID METAL BOX...
HUH! I WONDER...
HEY, WAIT!! THIS IS ABSURD!
I— I—
WHOAH! LOOK AT 'ER GO! SHE'S A WALKIN' GIRL!!

I CAN'T LET HER WALK OUT OF MY LIFE JUST LIKE THAT! SHE-SHE'S A... BEAUTIFUL PERSON!
BE STILL, MY HEART!
BOOM BOOM BOOM
HE LOOKS KINDA LIKE PAUL NEWMAN OR ROBERT DENIRO, DOESN'T HE?!
OH NO! CAN THIS BE HAPPENING?? IS THE WORLDLY, CYNICAL HIPMAN JUST A BIG ROMANTIC UNDERNEATH IT ALL?
...OR IS HE LETTING HIS DICK (A.K.A. "MR. JOHNSON") DO HIS THINKING FOR HIM, AS USUAL?
MAN! SHE'S ALREADY TWO BLOCKS AWAY! I'LL JUST LOOK SILLY IF I GO CHASING AFTER THAT RACE-HORSE ON FOOT WITH MY STUMPY LI'L LEGS! *
NO
$500 FINE
"ANATOMY IS DESTINY." -FREUD
I'LL CATCH UP TO HER IN MY VOITURETTE!
TEYUP!!
WOMEN ARE GONNA BE THE DEATH OF OUR YOUNG HERO (JUST AS YOU OR I)!!
I WON'T LET HER GET AWAY! I DON'T EVEN KNOW HER NAME, OR HER PHONE NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS!
PUTT PUTT
NOW I'M STUCK IN RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC..... FUCKING BOZOS!!
WHI!!*
HONK
BEEP
BRUM BRUM
JERK FROM ALBU-QUERK
* DON'T MIND HIM! HE'S JUST CURSIN' THE DAY HE WAS BORN (JUST AS YOU OR I)!
SH-SH-SHIT! SHE'S LO-O-ONG GONE, LIKE A TURKEY THROUGH TH' CORN!"... OUT IN THE WILD BLUE YONDER SOMEWHERE...
NOW I'M SERIOUSLY REGRETTING THAT I DIDN'T SHOW MORE INTEREST IN —— WHAT WAS IT? — HER COLLECTION OF SOMETHING... INSECTS?? YEAH, THAT WAS IT!
* HE'S QUOTING LIGHTNIN' HOPKINS. THE HIPMAN IS INTO THE BLUES BIG TIME!! THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' COOLER THAN TH' BLUES!


I THOUGHT SHE WAS A PSYCHO, POSSIBLY DANGEROUS, BUT NOW I REALIZE THAT SHE WAS TRULY HIP AND SEEIN' RIGHT THROUGH MY BULLSHIT, AND I DID NOT REACT IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF HIPNESS, AND NOW LOOK WHERE I FIND MYSELF!!
SITTIN' IN RUSH HOUR GRIDLOCK WITH THE NINE-TO-FIVE SQUARES TRYIN'A GET HOME TO THEIR BEER AND T.V. SETS... NOT A COOL SCENE FOR THE HIPMAN, BUT ONCE AGAIN MY FUCKING EGO —— WHAT??
WHAT TH' HELL WE GOT HERE!?! WHAT IS THAT THING? FAW HAW!
THAT'S TH' POOCHIEST LI'L DOODLEBUG THINGMAJIG I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE!
HAW HAW HAW
HE MUST BE DRUNK.. I GOT ZERO TOLERANCE RIGHT NOW FOR A GODDAMN CLOWN LIKE HIM...
THE HIPMAN IS THAT KIND OF GUY!
UH OH!!
SHOULD I RUN OR STAND MUH GROUND?
NOW WHAT WAS SO FUCKING FUNNY, LAUGHING BOY?? MY CAR IS "POOCHY"?? WHAT TH' FUCK DOES THAT MEAN, EXACTLY??
I MEANT IT'S, Y'KNOW, CUTE.. IT'S A DARLIN' LITTLE THANG, THAT'S ALL... I LIKE IT, IS WHAT I MEANT! REALLY!!
IZZAT WHAT YOU MEANT?
THAT'S ALL GOOD, 'CAUSE I CAME OVER HERE TO DISABUSE YOU OF THE NOTION THAT YOU CAN GO AROUND POINTING AND LAUGHING AT PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAPPEN TO FIT YOUR NARROW VIEW OF WHAT'S NORMAL, YA DIG??
THIS'S GOOD... HE'S SCARED ENOUGH TO SHIT HIS PANTS... WHATTA SHMO FROM KOKOMO!
YES... SURE... I DIG!

I'VE GOT A WIFE AN TWO BEAU - TIFUL CHILD - REN... I—
YEAH, WELL, NOW THE HIPMAN HAS SET YOU STRAIGHT, MISTER MOTHERFUCKER. NEXT TIME MAYBE YOU'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU MAKE A FUCKIN' JERK OF YOUR - SELF!
AM I RIGHT?
I HEAR YOU, MAN!
IT'S TIME TO PUT THE VOICE OF THUNDER ON HIM..
HEY! LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKIN' TA YOU! LISTEN, BOOBY, I'VE DECIDED NOT TO TWIST YOUR HEAD OFF, SO JUST GET TH' FUCK OUTA HERE BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!
OOF!
SHOVE
SEIG HEIL, DUDE!
WHERE EVER THE HIPMAN GOES, IT SEEMS, A CROWD GATHERS..
G'WAN! GET OUTA HERE! GO HOME TO YOUR STUPID SQUARE, BORING, USELESS LIFE!
GIT 'IM, BWAH!
GEEV EET TO HEEM WEELIE!
AWP!
SHOVE!
THIS'S FUN!
WORSE THAN USELESS!
WASTE THAT FOOL!
GO STICK YER HEAD IN TH' TOILET THREE TIMES AN' PULL IT OUT TWICE!!
THAT'S KIND OF AN OLD ONE, DUDE..
CRASH
RATTLETY BANG
- TINKLE
THUD!
HEY, MISTER! EXCUSE ME.
HA HA HA HA HA HA LOOKA THAT!!
TH' BIG DOPE FELL RIGHT AGAINST A BUNCH OF NEWS - PAPER RACKS AN' KNOCKED 'EM ALL TO HELL!! WAY TO GO, HIPMAN!!
YYYESSS!
EXCUSE ME, MISTER.
OOOHH MY LEG...
WHATTAYA WANT?! WHAT?!?
THEY'RE ALL AFRAID OF HIM NOW!
WHOAH! EASY DOES IT!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

HAHA DIDN'T MEAN TA SCARE YA I WOULDN'T HURT A LITTLE DUDE, YOU'RE COOL. THE HIPMAN'S GOT A BIG OL' SOFT SPOT FOR KIDS! THAT'S A WELL-KNOWN FACT!
HEH HEH
HEH HEH
I JUS' WANTED TO —
SEE, NORMALLY I'M NOT A VIOLENT INDIVIDUAL. PEACE AND LOVE IS THE BASIC CREDO THAT ALL H PSTERS LIVE BY, BUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE IT BECOMES NECESSARY N THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST SOME WISE ASS.
IT'S ALL ABOUT SELF-RESPECT AN' TEACHING THESE IGNORANT YAHOOS SOME MANNERS... 'CAUSE ALOT OF 'EM WEREN'T BROUGHT UP PROPERLY, Y SEE WHAT I'M GETTING AT, LI'L DUDE??
YEAH, I DO...
I HAVE TA GO HOME NOW, SIR, BUT I JUS' WANTED TO TELL YA THAT UM— YER LITTLE CAR HAS BEEN TOWED AWAY, SIR...
WHAT?? OH SHIT!!
YEAH, THEY CAME WHILE YOU WAS BUSY SHOWIN' THAT GUY WHO'S BOSS, RIGHT, FISHLIPS?
YOU LEFT THAT THING IN A NO STOPPING ZONE, JACK!
YOU GOT PROBLEMS, MAN!
WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS!!
GOD-DAMN FAMAN
INSTANT KARMA FOR OUR BOY HIPMAN
YOU GOTTA CALL "CITY TOWING."
THAT'S RIGHT. CITY TOWING
OH MAN! THEY PUT YOU THROUGH SHIT DOWN THERE!
EMPIRE
YEAH, THEY'RE EVIL BASTARDS... FIRST THEY MAKE YOU WAIT IN LINE FOR HOURS AN THEN THEY OVARGE YOU A FUCKIN ARM AN'A LEG TO GET YOUR CAR BACK!
IT'S A RACKET! I KNEW A GUY ONCE WHO LET THEM KEEP HIS CAR, THEY GAVE 'IM SUCH A HARD TIME DOWN THERE!
IT'S A FUCKIN' RACKET! EVERYBODY KNOWS IT!
WOULD THAT BE THE HIP THING TO DO? LET TH' SONS A' BITCHES KEEP THE LITTLE VOITURETTE ???

CAN'T DO IT...I'M NOT THAT HIP. I'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN THERE AN' GET MY CAR OUT! FFFUCK!
HEY FISHLIPS! WHAT'S TH' BEST WAY TO GET DOWN-TOWN FROM HERE? WHICH BUS SHOULD I TAKE?
UH OH
SAY WHAT??
DON'T GO CALLIN' ME NO FUCKIN' FISHLIPS!! I'LL FUCKIN' TAKE YOU OUT, SUCKER!!
HE'S PISSED!
SMACK
BUT DIDN'T I JUST HEAR HIM CALL YOU THAT??
YEAH, BUT HE'S M'MAN! I LOVE 'IM! HE'S IN MY CREW! HE'S ONE A' MY KILLAS! THAT AIN'T THE SAME THING AS SOME JOKER LIKE YOU CALLIN' ME FISHLIPS! YOU GOT IT STRAIGHT NOW??
OH! HEY, NO OFFENSE INTENDED, MAN!
YOU DON'T FUCK AROUN' WIT' TH' FISH, ACE HE'S A MADE MAN.. LIKE, TOTALLY COL' BLOODED!
WHO KNEW?? JEEZ...
THASS RIGHT... HE GETS DOWN WITH THE MURDER THING! I SEEN 'IM!
FRICKIN' LITTLE PSYCHOPATH! THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE IF THERE WERE FEWER GUYS LIKE HIM IN IT!!
BUT NOW I GOTTA GET DOWNTOWN SOMEHOW... GET MY—
OMIGOD! THAT CONFIDENT STRIDE! THOSE LONG, LONG LEGS! YES! IT'S HER!!
CUSTOMER PARKING ONLY
QWIK STOP
HEY!! WAIT UP!!
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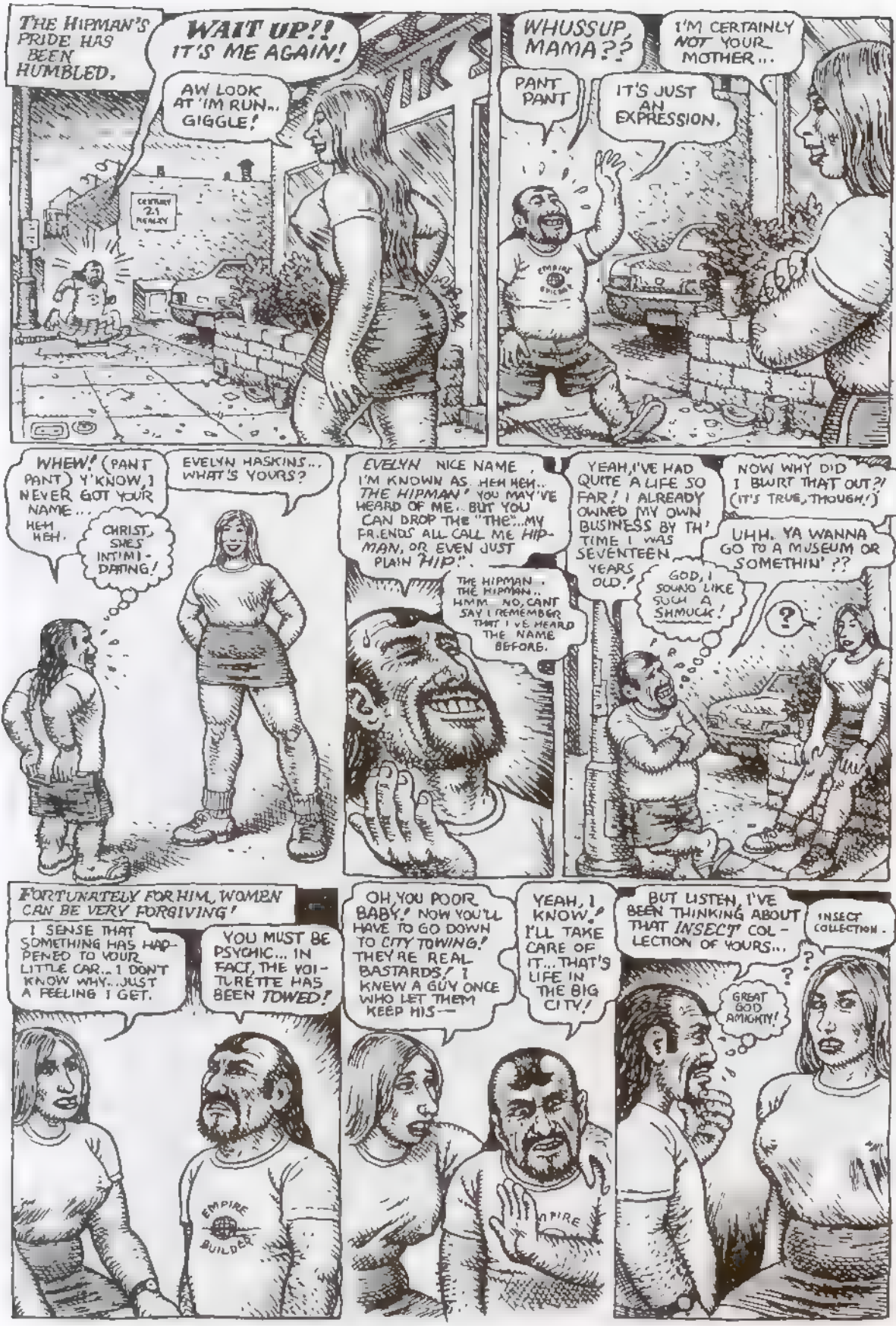
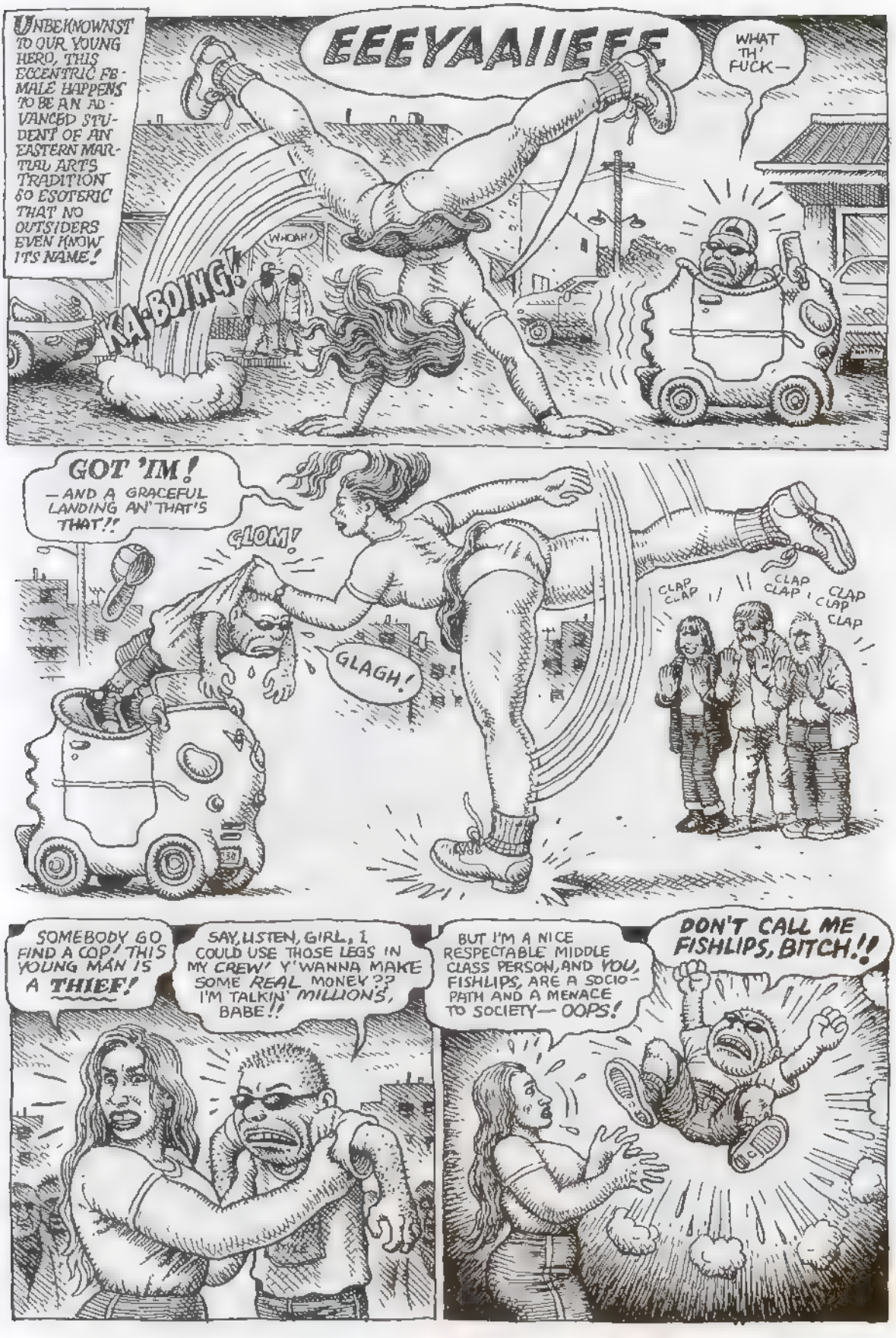

THE HIPMAN'S PRIDE HAS BEEN HUMBLED.
WAIT UP!! IT'S ME AGAIN!
AW LOOK AT 'IM RUN.. GIGGLE!
CENTURY 21 REALTY
WHUSSUP, MAMA??
I'M CERTAINLY NOT YOUR MOTHER...
PANT PANT
IT'S JUST AN EXPRESSION.
EMPIRE BUILDER
WHEW! (PANT PANT) Y'KNOW, I NEVER GOT YOUR NAME... HEH HEH.
CHRIST, SHE'S INTIMIDATING!
EVELYN HASKINS... WHAT'S YOURS?
EVELYN NICE NAME, I'M KNOWN AS HEH HEH.. THE HIPMAN' YOU MAY'VE HEARD OF ME.. BUT YOU CAN DROP THE "THE"...MY FRIENDS ALL CALL ME HIP-MAN, OR EVEN JUST PLAIN 'HIP'.
THE HIPMAN.. THE HIPMAN.. HMM... NO, CAN'T SAY I REMEMBER THAT I'VE HEARD THE NAME BEFORE.
YEAH, I'VE HAD QUITE A LIFE SO FAR! I ALREADY OWNED MY OWN BUSINESS BY TH' TIME I WAS SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD!
GOD, I SOUND LIKE SUCH A SHMUCK!
NOW WHY DID I BLURT THAT OUT?! (IT'S TRUE, THOUGH.)
UHH. YA WANNA GO TO A MUSEUM OR SOMETHIN' ??
?
FORTUNATELY FOR HIM, WOMEN CAN BE VERY FORGIVING!
I SENSE THAT SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO YOUR LITTLE CAR... I DON'T KNOW WHY... JUST A FEELING I GET.
YOU MUST BE PSYCHIC... IN FACT, THE VOITURETTE HAS BEEN TOWED!
EMPIRE BUILDER
OH, YOU POOR BABY! NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN TO CITY TOWING! THEY'RE REAL BASTARDS! I KNEW A GUY ONCE WHO LET THEM KEEP HIS—
YEAH, I KNOW. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT... THAT'S LIFE IN THE BIG CITY!
BUT LISTEN, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT INSECT COLLECTION OF YOURS...
INSECT COLLECTION.
GREAT GOD AMIGHTY!
?
?

OH YEAH!! MY INSECT COLLECTION!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
?
GOD, WHAT A BODY!!
NO, SERIOUSLY! I'D REALLY LIKE TO CHECK IT OUT! I'M SURE I'D FIND IT VERY INTERESTING! Y'KNOW, BROADEN MY HORIZONS A LITTLE...
AH HM! I SEE! WELL NOW, THAT'S A TURN AROUND! YOUR FIRST REACTION WAS ONE OF REVULSION... YOU WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM ME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
EMPIRE
TRUE! TRUE! BUT SOMETHING YOU SAID STUCK IN MY HEAD.... SOMETHING ABOUT LEARNING THEIR SECRETS!
WELL, TH'TRUTH IS, I DON'T HAVE ANY INSECT COLLECTION AND NEVER DID...
HER TITS ARE BIGGER THAN HER HEAD! I LIKE THAT!
EMPIRE BUILDER
I MADE THAT UP TO TEST YOU! I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOO DAMN COCKY, CRUISING AROUND IN YOUR LITTLE PUTT-PUTT!
YOU WERE TESTING ME??
I CAN TELL SHE LIKED MY COCKINESS!
EMPIRE BUILDER
YES! AND YOU PASSED THE TEST WITH FLYING COLORS!
I DID?? BUT MY INITIAL REACTION TO THE WHOLE IDEA OF YOUR HAVING AN INSECT COLLECTION WAS SORT OF LAME-O, DON'T YOU THINK?
NERVOUS TIC
THE HITMAN BLUSHES TO THINK OF IT!
NO, NOT A'TALL! IF YOU'D ACTED ALL, "OH, INSECTS ARE SO COOL," I WOULD'VE CONSIDERED YOU A SMOOTH-TALKING LITTLE PRICK, AND I WOULD NOT HAVE CHASED AFTER YOUR CAR!
HM!
????
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE WORKINGS OF THE WOMAN'S MIND!
DUNNO IF I APPRECIATE THE IDEA OF BEING TESTED LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S NOT NICE...
EMPIRE

WHERE DO YOU GET OFF GOING AROUND TESTING PEOPLE, I'D LIKE TO KNOW!?!
GOOD QUESTION, HIPMAN! I SUGGEST WE RETREAT TO YON COFFEE SHOP TO DISCUSS OUR PHILOSOPHIES OF LIFE 'N' STUFF!
CUTE THE WAY HE STANDS UP ON HIS LITTLE LEGS AND STICKS HIS CHEST OUT!
HM.. I REALLY NEED TO GO DOWN TOWN AN' GET MY CAR OUT OF CITY TOWING, BEFORE THEY CLOSE! THEY EXTORT SOME HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR KEEPING YOUR CAR OVER-NIGHT... ©XMW BLOOD-SUCKING PARASITES! DIRTY MAN—
WHATTA YOU CARE?! DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU'VE JUST BEEN MADE AN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT??
WELLLL, YEAH..
OH MY GOD! I CAN FEEL THE TREMENDOUS VITALITY RADIATING FROM HER BODY!!
BAGELS N' DONUTS
AHH! YOU'RE RIGHT! TH' HELL WITH IT! I'LL WAIT 'TIL TOMORROW! I'D RATHER BE HERE GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE LOVELY EVELYN HANSON!
HASKINS!
DO YOU ALWAYS WALK THIS FAST??
I WONDER IF SHE'S ONLY INTERESTED IN ME 'CAUSE SHE THINKS I'M RICH..
THE HIPMAN HAS DOUBTS.
HEY, LOOK, HIPMAN! ISN'T THAT YOUR LITTLE CAR??
GA-HASP! IT IS!!
PUTT PUTT
STOP! THIEF!!
OH MY!
THERE'S NEVER A COP AROUND WHEN YOU NEED ONE..
EMPIRE BUILDER
HEY! IT'S THAT FISHLIPS GUY! OH MAN! HOW DID HE—??
OH SHIT!
FISHLIPS? WHO'S HE??
MID TOWN WHEEL ALIGNM

PUFF PANT- HE'S GETTING AWAY!
WHEEZE GHASP
I HEARD THERE'S A GANG OF CAR THIEVES OPERATING IN THIS AREA WHO HAVE THEIR OWN TOW TRUCK AN GO AROUND STEALING CARS POSING AS A LEGITIMATE TOWING SERVICE.
THAT ROTTEN LITTLE CRIMINAL IS MAKING OFF WITH MY VOITURETTE- SNURF- AN' THEIR AIN'T NOTHIN' I CAN DO ABOUT IT!
CHOKE SOB WIMPER
HE'LL PROBBLY TRASH IT, TOO!
SHUCK
JEEZ! TH' POOR JERK IS GENIUNELY HEART-BROKEN! I WONDER WHY CARS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO MEN... OR THEIR GUITAR.. OR THEIR RECORD COLLECTION.. GUESS IT'S A GUY THING.
SOME EMPIRE
IF I EVER CATCH UP TA HIM AGAIN I'LL WRING HIS NECK, I'LL - I'LL— BDYAAHHH SPLUT SPLUT
I'LL GET YER LITTLE CAR BACK, HIPMAN! DON'T WORRY!
I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE A GROWN MAN CRY!
SPRINT
THE FABULOUS LEGS GO INTO ACTION! SHE TRAINED FOR THE OLYMPICS!!
EVELYN! STOP! DON'T BE CRAZY! HE'S A HOMICIDAL MANIAC! PROBBLY "PACKING HEAT"! Y KNOW, CARRYING A GUN!!
THANKS FOR WARNING ME..
EVELYN! COME BACK! IT'S NOT WORTH IT! WE'LL GO TO THE POLICE!
OH THIS IS TERRIBLE!! IF SHE GETS HURT I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!
EMPIRE
SHE'S IN LESS DANGER THAN THE HIPMAN THINKS..


UNBEKNOWNST TO OUR YOUNG HERO, THIS ECCENTRIC FEMALE HAPPENS TO BE AN ADVANCED STUDENT OF AN EASTERN MARTIAL ARTS TRADITION SO ESOTERIC THAT NO OUTSIDERS EVEN KNOW ITS NAME!
EEEYAAIIEEE
WHAT TH' FUCK—
WHOA!
KA-BOING!
GOT 'IM! —AND A GRACEFUL LANDING AN' THAT'S THAT!!
GLOM!
GLAGH!
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP
SOMEBODY GO FIND A COP! THIS YOUNG MAN IS A THIEF!
SAY, LISTEN, GIRL, I COULD USE THOSE LEGS IN MY CREW! Y'WANNA MAKE SOME REAL MONEY?? I'M TALKIN' MILLIONS, BABE!!
BUT I'M A NICE RESPECTABLE MIDDLE CLASS PERSON, AND YOU, FISHLIPS, ARE A SOCIOPATH AND A MENACE TO SOCIETY— OOPS!
DON'T CALL ME FISHLIPS, BITCH!!

WHUH-OH! HE LOST IT WHEN I SAID "FISHLIPS"... NOW I'M IN FOR IT!
WHIRRR
I'LL TEAR YOU UP BITCH! B'LIEVE DAT!!
EEEEK!
BZZZLALLZ!
HE'S LIKE A NEST OF RILED UP HORNETS!
SCREECH
YOW!
THUD!
SMEK SMEKKITY SMEK
HELP!
GRRR!
BA-DOOF!
OOH! HE'S KILLIN' HER!!
I KIN BARELY LOOK!
WOT A LITTLE DEMON FROM HELL!
HEY MANNIE! COME CHECK OUT THIS FIGHT!
HE'S STOMPIN' HER DOWN TO THE BRICKS!
TRYIN' TO, ANYWAY!
YOU DON'T BE DISSIN' ME WIT DAT FISHLIPS CRAP, BITCH!!
BOING BOING BOING
OH, THE CRUELTY! THE INJUSTICE OF IT ALL!
HEY! LOOKA DIS! SOME BIG OL' BOUNCIN' BUTT!!
HAVING FUN UP THERE, YOU NASTY LITTLE BRUTE??
I CAN BARELY FEEL THAT... MY BUTT'S NOT VERY SENSITIVE...
BOING BOING
BOING
THE HIPMAN ARRIVES WITH THE LAW!
THERE HE IS! GET 'M! QUICK!
YEP IT'S FISHLIPS ALRIGHT!
CONSIDER HIM ARMED AND DANGEROUS!
I'LL CALL FOR BACK-UP!
WHAT'S HE DOING THERE?
BOING! BOING! BOING!

FREEZE!!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
UH-OH! THE FUZZ!
IS THIS THE END OF FISH-LIPS?!
'BOUT TIME!
FUCK YOU! WHAT ARE PENNIES MADE OUT OF? —DIRTY COPPER! HA HA HA HA!
BAM BLAM
OH MY GOD! NOW HE'S SHOOT-ING!
BLAM BAM BLAM POW POW
HA HA YA MISSED ME!
PZZING!
OW OW OW
THROW DOWN YOUR GUN AND COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR, FISHLIPS!
COME AN' GET ME, COP-PERS!!
I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS MY BUTT CAN TAKE!
OKAY, ENOUGH'S ENOUGH!
GOTCHA, BAD BOY!
BLAWGH!!
YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED IN SCHOOL...NOW IT'S TOO LATE!
SHOULD I STRANGLE TH' LIFE OUT OF YOU NOW OR HAND YOU OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHOR-ITIES?
I GIVE... GHASP CHOKE!
THE EVIL LITTLE BASTARD IS KINDA ATTRAC TIVE IN A VICIOUS SORTA WAY. AW, NOW I FEEL SORRY FOR'IM.

HERE'S YOUR "PERP"! BOOK 'IM!
THANK YOU, MA'AM... I'LL PERSONALLY SEE TO IT THAT YOU RECEIVE A GOOD CITIZEN'S AWARD FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THIS CAPTURE AND ARREST!
OH, THAT'LL BE NICE..
A BLACK, BLACK DAY FOR FISHLIPS...
RIGHT!
I NEED TO SEE YOUR I.D. AND GET YOUR ADDRESS. YOU'LL HAVE TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE LITTLE CREEP WHEN HIS CASE GOES TO COURT...
YES, CERTAINLY... CAN I TELL THE JUDGE HOW YOU GUYS SHOT UP MY BUTT IN THE LINE OF DUTY?
UHHH, OKAY, NEVER MIND... I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE NEEDING YOU AFTER ALL..
CLICK CLICK
WHAT'D SHE EXPECT US TO DO? HE WUZ ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF POLICE OFFICERS!
OOH, GIRL FIGHT!
SHE WAS A TOUGH WOMAN! I WONDER IF I COULD TAKE HER DOWN IN A HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT SITUATION.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, EVELYN?
YEAH YEAH... IT KINDA SMARTS WHERE THE BULLETS RICOCHETED OFF MY BUTT CHEEKS, BUT NO SERIOUS DAMAGE WAS DONE, I DONT THINK..
SEE ANY BRUISES?
BUNS OF STEEL, DUDE!
THREE LITTLE ONES IS ALL... INCREDIBLE... WHAT A WOMAN!
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MY STUPID LITTLE CAR, EVELYN! YOU ARE A STRONG AND BRAVE WOMAN!
POOEY! ANYBODY COULDA DONE IT... ALL IT TAKES IS THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF VIGOROUS, DISCIPLINED GYMNASTIC WORKOUTS, AN IRON WILL, AND, Y'KNOW, MAYBE A HIGHLY-DEVELOPED SENSE OF MORAL OUTRAGE... NO BIG DEAL...
THE HITMAN'S A LUCKY GUY! HE GETS HIS CAR BACK AND GETS THE GIRL!!
EW! HIS HAIR IS ALL GREASY! I'LL HAVE TO MAKE HIM IMPROVE HIS HYGENE...
AND HE'S DEFINITELY GONNA HAVE TO GET A BIGGER CAR!
I'M SO HAPPY NOW!
SOMEHOW I'LL PAY FOR IT LATER, I KNOW..
SUSHI BAR
HOOT CLUB
HOW RIGHT HE IS! THE HITMAN KNOWS!
END

NOW I'LL TELL YOU THE STORY OF HOW I LEARNED THE HARD WAY THE WISDOM OF THESE FEW WORDS:

Don't Tempt Fate

HERE I AM ONCE AGAIN LAYING ON THE DENTIST'S CHAIR, STARING UP AT THE BRIGHT ELECTRIC LIGHT, BRACING MYSELF FOR YET ANOTHER DENTAL ORDEAL. I KNOW WHY I'M HERE. I KNOW WHY, BECAUSE I GO BACK TO THAT MOMENT FOUR-AND-A-HALF DECADES AGO EVERY TIME I GO THROUGH THIS, THAT MOMENT WHEN I DID THAT CRAZY THING, AND ALWAYS THERE'S THE QUESTION: *WHY DID I DO IT??*

OKAY! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THAT ABSCESS!

WHAT THE HELL WAS I THINKING BACK IN 1955??

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WHAT WAS I THINKING BACK IN 1955? *NOT MUCH!* WHEN I WAS A KID I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH SENSE... I WAS *SO* OUT OF IT THAT I ALMOST GOT HIT BY CARS MANY TIMES WHILE CROSSING THE STREET!

READING THE "PUD" COMIC THAT CAME IN THE WRAPPER OF EVERY PIECE OF FLEER'S "DUBBLE BUBBLE" GUM

SCREEE

S MARKET

IT'S A WONDER THAT I'M STILL ALIVE!

I WAS SOFT AND EFFEMINATE, DOMINATED BY MY OLDER BROTHER. I WAS VAGUE, PASSIVE. HE WAS A TOTALLY SELF MOTIVATED VISIONARY WHO BASICALLY *GAVE ME A LIFE.*

WHAT'RE YOU WORKING ON, ROBERT?

UM, THIS'S THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF "BROMBO THE PANDA" COMICS....

OKAY, GOOD, BUT DON'T FORGET, YOU STILL HAVE TO DO THE *CHRISTMAS* ANNUAL!

YEAH, I KNOW..

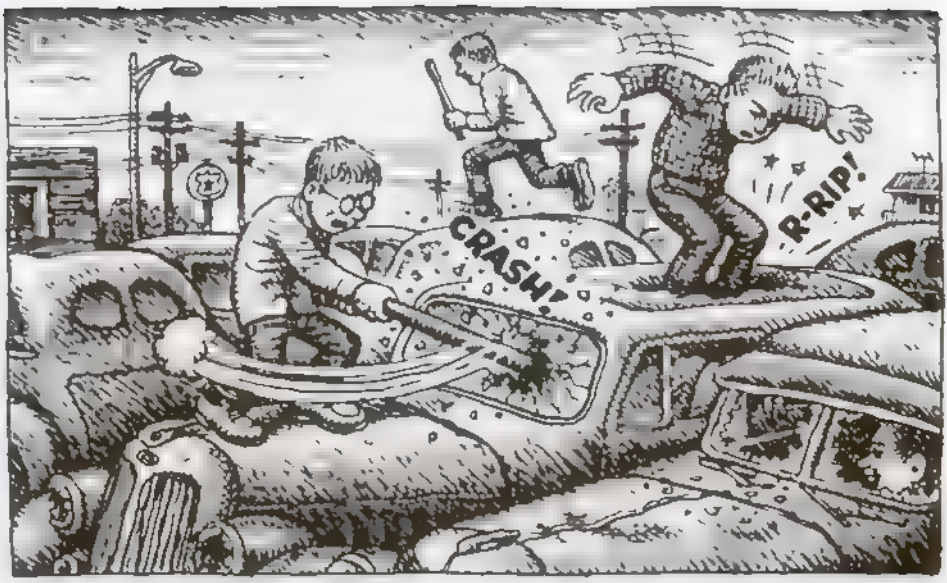
ARE YOU STILL GONNA DO THAT "BROMBO'S PAL SNIFF THE PANDA" ONE SHOT??

YEAH, SURE! I SAID I WOULD, DIDN'T I??

DONE

TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, I DIDN'T EVEN LIKE DRAWING COMICS ALL THAT MUCH, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY OUT OF IT. I HADDA DO IT TO WIN THE APPROVAL OF MY BROTHER "CHUCKIE."
HMH! I DON'T GET IT.. BROMBO'S ZOOMING ALL AROUND BUT IT'S HARD TO TELL WHAT'S GOING ON.. THE DRAWING'S TOO SLOPPY, LIKE YOU JUS' WANNA GET IT OVER WITH..
OF COURSE HE'S RIGHT, DARN HIM!
WELL, I--
ME, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD A BURNING PASSION FOR COMICS! HE HAD NO OTHER INTERESTS. HIS COMICS WERE NEATLY DRAWN, WITH CAREFULLY PLOTTED STORIES, AND WERE FUNNY, AND HE WAS PROLIFIC! IT WAS A TOUGH JOB TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH HIM!
ULP! CHUCKIE'S OVER THERE WORKIN' ON A COMIC, AS USUAL! HOW DOES HE DO IT!?
I BETTER QUIT PLAYIN' WITH THESE DOPEY "TINKER TOYS" AND GET BUSY ON TH NEXT ISSUE OF "BROMBO THE PANDA" COMICS!
DRAWING COMICS, HOWEVER, WAS PREFERABLE TO HAVING TO GO OUT AND "PLAY" WITH OTHER BOYS. I WAS AFRAID OF MOST OF THEM AND TENDED TO KEEP MY DISTANCE.
EYAH!
GNARRN!
AWR, HAW HAW
MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT THEY ACTUALLY LIKED TO PUNCH AND KICK AND INSULT ONE ANOTHER, AND UNLIKE ME, WERE NOT AFRAID OF GETTING HURT, AND IT WAS FRIGHTENING TO OBSERVE HOW THEY SEEMED TO ENJOY DOING HARM TO SMALL ANIMALS AND BESPECTACLED WEAKLINGS SUCH AS MYSELF.
HEY CRUMB YOU FUCKIN' QUEER!
LET'S GET 'IM!
YAHAHA
WHOO-HAH!
SNIVEL WIMPER
I WAS A PRETTY GOOD RUNNER
I CONFESS THAT I WAS A LITTLE GOODY TWO-SHOES. I FANCIED MYSELF GOOD AND KIND, REFINED AND MORALLY SUPERIOR TO MOST OF THOSE LOUTS OUT THERE! I SYMPATHIZED WITH THE UNDERDOG -- MAINLY MYSELF...
WHA-WHATAYA P-PICKIN' ON ME FOR? I NEVER DID ANYTHING TO YOU!
AW, QUIT YER WHININ', YA BIG CRYBABY!
SISSY!
YAAH, G'WAN HOME TO YER MOMMY!
SNURK SOB SNUCK
DOOF
SOMEHOW I FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO OVERLOOK HOW I CONSTANTLY, RELENTLESSLY TAUNTED AND RIDICULED OUR YOUNGER BROTHER MAXON. I NEVER HAD A SINGLE PANG OF CONSCIENCE ABOUT IT - NOT FOR ONE MOMENT -- FUNNY THING...
APPLEFUDGE-AGEEBLE! APPLEFUDGE-AGEEBLE! APPLEFUDGE-AGEEBLE!
LEAVE ALONE WHY DON'TCHA JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

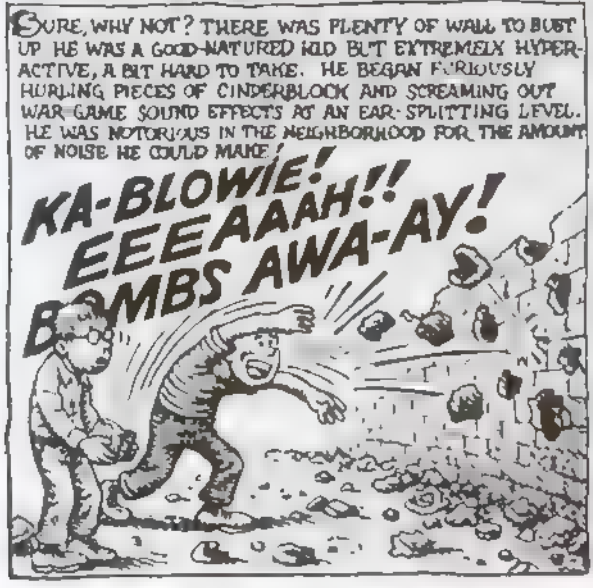
YES, IN SPITE OF MY SAINTLY SELF-IMAGE, I WAS JUST AS FULL OF ANIMAL RAGE AS THE NEXT FELLOW. LIKE MOST BOYS, I ENJOYED WRECKING AND SMASHING. THERE WAS AN ABANDONED CAR JUNKYARD NEAR THIS ONE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WHERE WE LIVED IN 1955. ALL THE BOYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, INCLUDING ME, HAD A HELL OF A LOT OF FUN VANDALIZING THE OLD CARS.



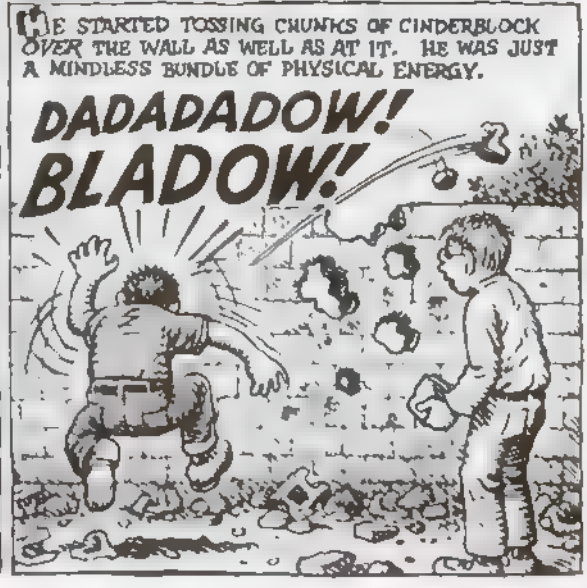
BEHIND THIS JUNKYARD THERE WAS A HIGH WALL MADE OF CINDERBLOCKS. WE DISCOVERED TO OUR DELIGHT THAT YOU COULD KNOCK A HOLE IN THIS WALL IF YOU THREW A CHUNK OF BROKEN CINDER-BLOCK AT IT HARD ENOUGH.

ONE SUNNY AFTERNOON I WAS OVER THERE CONTENTEDLY HEAVING CHUNKS AT THE WALL WHEN I WAS JOINED BY THIS OTHER KID WHO LIVED RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO US.

SURE, WHY NOT? THERE WAS PLENTY OF WALL TO BUST UP. HE WAS A GOOD-NATURED KID BUT EXTREMELY HYPERACTIVE, A BIT HARD TO TAKE. HE BEGAN FURIOUSLY HURLING PIECES OF CINDERBLOCK AND SCREAMING OUT WAR-GAME SOUND EFFECTS AT AN EAR-SPLITTING LEVEL. HE WAS NOTORIOUS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE AMOUNT OF NOISE HE COULD MAKE!



HE STARTED TOSSING CHUNKS OF CINDERBLOCK *OVER* THE WALL AS WELL AS AT IT. HE WAS JUST A MINDLESS BUNDLE OF PHYSICAL ENERGY.



I STOOD THERE WATCHING HIM, AND THINKING, "WHAT A DUMB THING TO DO, THROWING THOSE BIG HUNKS OF CEMENT OVER THAT WALL! WHAT IF SOMEBODY HAPPENED TO BE WALKING BY ON THE OTHER SIDE?!?"

PSHKOWW! KPKHYOW!

DOESN'T HE REALIZE THAT HE COULD SERIOUSLY HURT OR EVEN *KILL* AN INNOCENT PERSON, DOING THAT? WHY DOESN'T HE THINK OF THAT??" I WAS APPALLED AT HIS TOTAL OBLIVIOUSNESS!

DADADADADOW! DADADADADOW!

IT WAS THEN THAT I DID THE CRAZY THING .. I TURNED AWAY AND STARTED WALKING DOWN TOWARD THE END OF THE WALL. IT WAS LIKE I WAS IN A TRANCE...

AABLAPHLOW

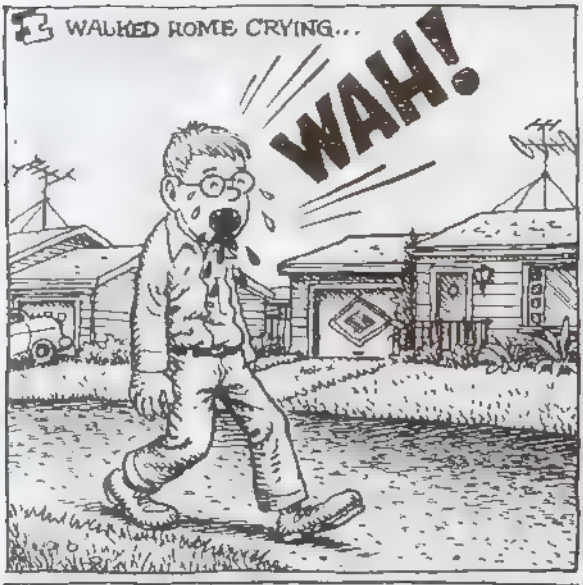
I WALKED AROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE, ABOUT TEN FEET BACK FROM THE WALL, TURNED AND STOOD FACING IT.

PSHKADAOW!

IMMEDIATELY I SAW A BIG PIECE OF CINDERBLOCK HURTLING RIGHT AT ME, FAST AND FURIOUS, NO TIME TO DUCK OUT OF THE WAY!

IT HIT ME RIGHT IN THE MOUTH!

BAM!


I WALKED HOME CRYING...
WAH!

MY MOTHER HEARD MY LOUD BAWLING AND MET ME AT THE FRONT DOOR OF OUR HOUSE
WAH!
OH HOLY MOTHER OF GOD! BOBBY, YOUR TEETH ARE RUINED!
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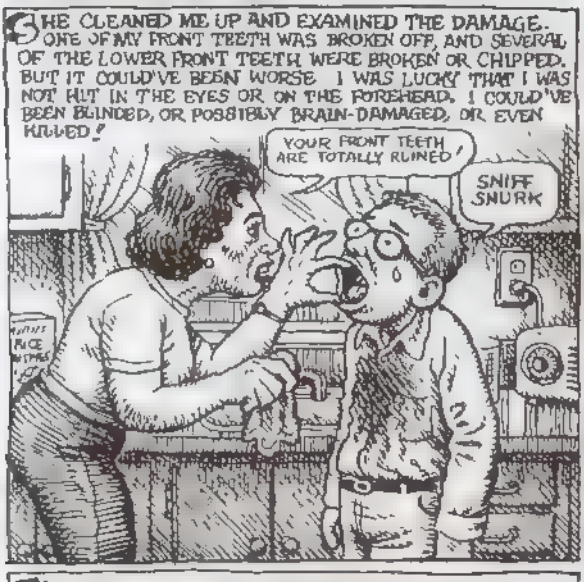
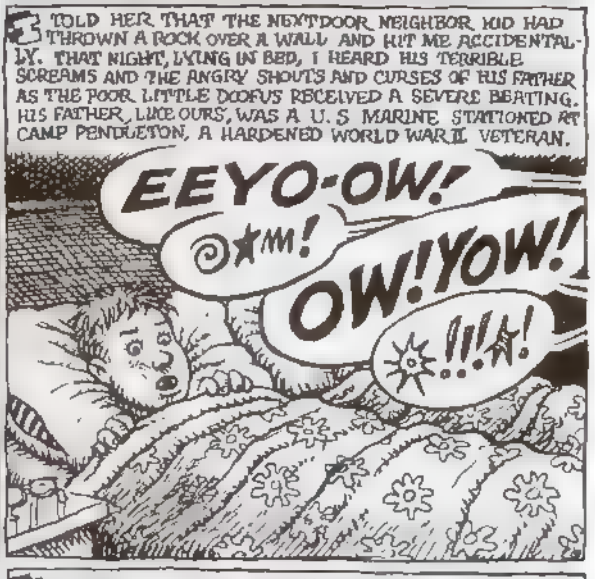
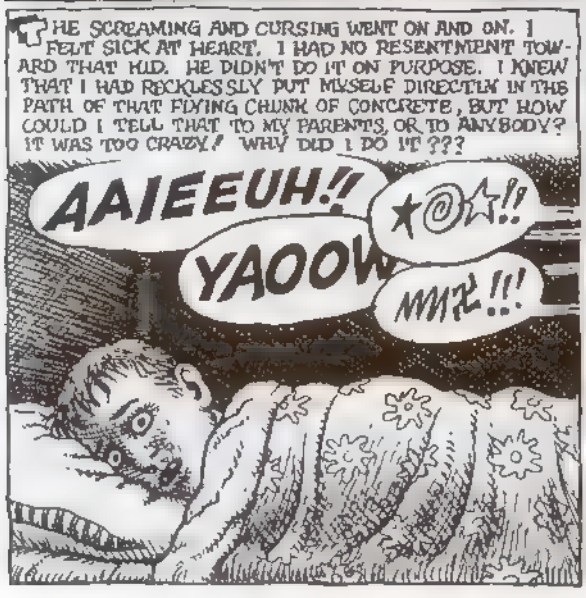
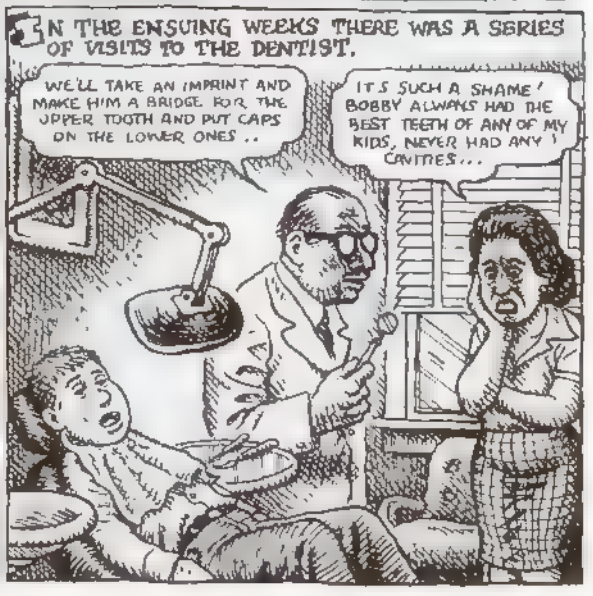
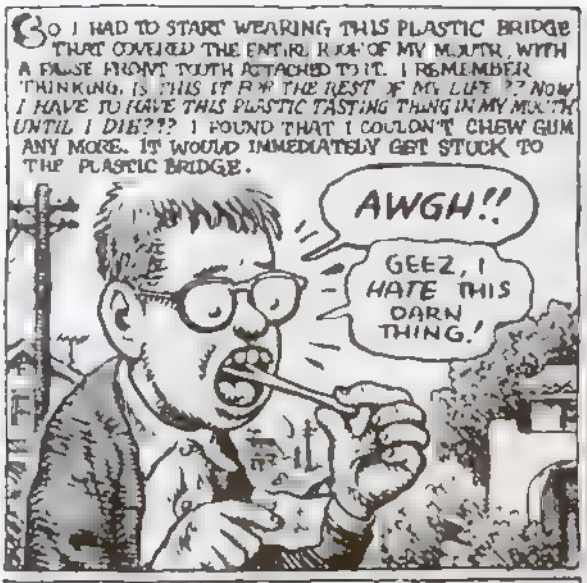

SHE CLEANED ME UP AND EXAMINED THE DAMAGE. ONE OF MY FRONT TEETH WAS BROKEN OFF, AND SEVERAL OF THE LOWER FRONT TEETH WERE BROKEN OR CHIPPED. BUT IT COULD'VE BEEN WORSE. I WAS LUCKY THAT I WAS NOT HIT IN THE EYES OR ON THE FOREHEAD. I COULD'VE BEEN BLINDED, OR POSSIBLY BRAIN-DAMAGED, OR EVEN KILLED!
YOUR FRONT TEETH ARE TOTALLY RUINED!
SNIFF SNURK


I TOLD HER THAT THE NEXTDOOR NEIGHBOR KID HAD THROWN A ROCK OVER A WALL AND HIT ME ACCIDENTALLY. THAT NIGHT, LYING IN BED, I HEARD HIS TERRIBLE SCREAMS AND THE ANGRY SHOUTS AND CURSES OF HIS FATHER AS THE POOR LITTLE DOOFUS RECEIVED A SEVERE BEATING. HIS FATHER, LIKE OURS, WAS A U.S MARINE STATIONED AT CAMP PENDLETON, A HARDENED WORLD WAR II VETERAN.
EEYO-OW!
OW! YOW!

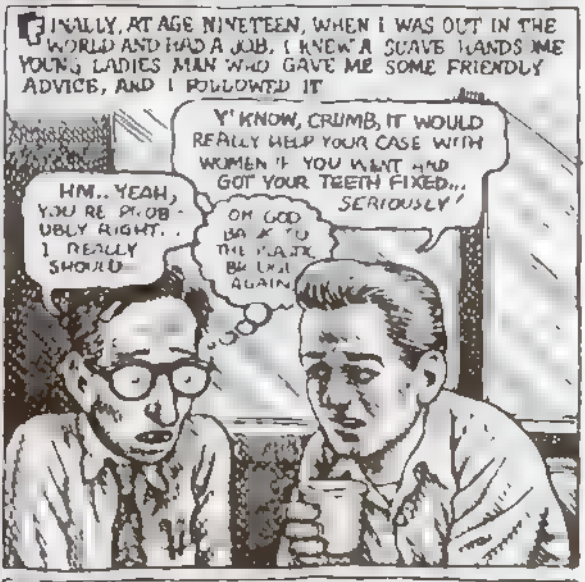

THE SCREAMING AND CURSING WENT ON AND ON. I FELT SICK AT HEART. I HAD NO RESENTMENT TOWARD THAT KID. HE DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE. I KNEW THAT I HAD RECKLESSLY PUT MYSELF DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THAT FLYING CHUNK OF CONCRETE, BUT HOW COULD I TELL THAT TO MY PARENTS, OR TO ANYBODY? IT WAS TOO CRAZY! WHY DID I DO IT???
AAIEEUH!!
YAOOW
MMM!!!

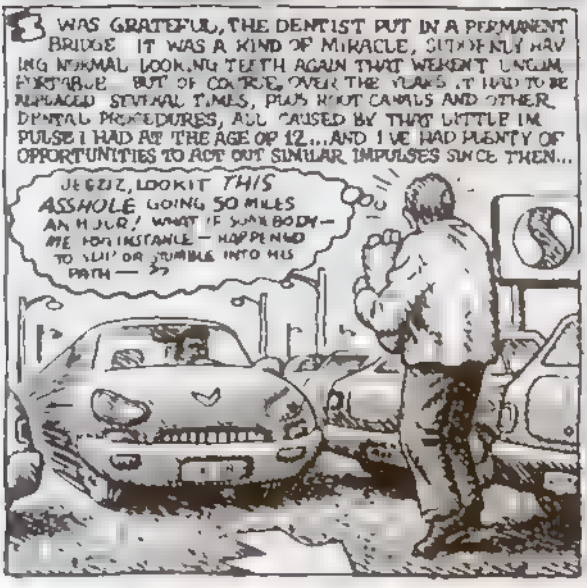

IN THE ENSUING WEEKS THERE WAS A SERIES OF VISITS TO THE DENTIST.
WE'LL TAKE AN IMPRINT AND MAKE HIM A BRIDGE FOR THE UPPER TOOTH AND PUT CAPS ON THE LOWER ONES..
IT'S SUCH A SHAME! BOBBY ALWAYS HAD THE BEST TEETH OF ANY OF MY KIDS, NEVER HAD ANY CAVITIES...

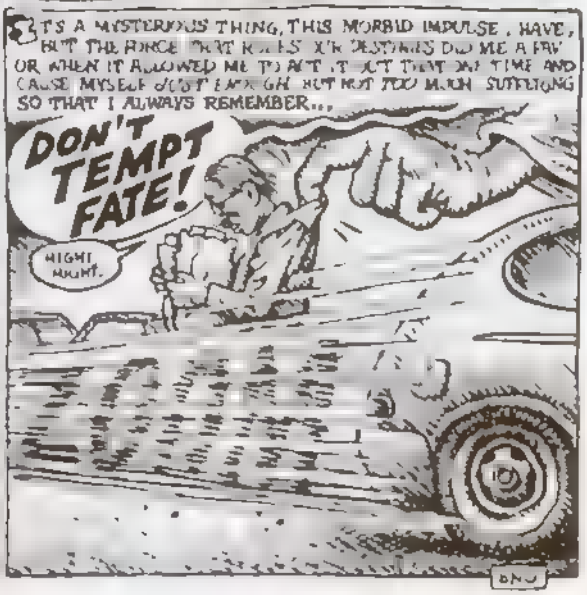

SO I HAD TO START WEARING THIS PLASTIC BRIDGE THAT COVERED THE ENTIRE ROOF OF MY MOUTH, WITH A FALSE FRONT TOOTH ATTACHED TO IT. I REMEMBER THINKING, IS THIS IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?? NOW I HAVE TO HAVE THIS PLASTIC TASTING THING IN MY MOUTH UNTIL I DIE??? I FOUND THAT I COULDN'T CHEW GUM ANY MORE. IT WOULD IMMEDIATELY GET STUCK TO THE PLASTIC BRIDGE.
AWGH!!
GEEZ, I HATE THIS DARN THING!

BUT THEN ONE DAY AFTER ABOUT SIX MONTHS I BIT DOWN ON AN APPLE AND THAT WAS THE END OF IT. THE FALSE TOOTH BROKE RIGHT OFF THE PLASTIC BRIDGE. MY PARENTS DIDN'T SEE ANY SENSE IN PUTTING OUT THE EXPENSE FOR ANOTHER ONE, MUCH TO MY RELIEF
OOPS!
SNAP

ALL THROUGH THE REST OF MY TEEN YEARS I WENT AROUND WITH THIS DOPEY GAP IN MY FRONT TEETH, KINDA LIKE ALFRED E. NEUMAN IN MAD MAGAZINE. I WAS NOT BOTHERED ABOUT IT. I WAS UNCONCERNED... OBLIVIOUS ABOUT MY PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.
STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL 1950s AMERICAN HIGHSCHOOL GIRLS
HI NANCY!
HI MARGIE!


FINALLY, AT AGE NINETEEN, WHEN I WAS OUT IN THE WORLD AND HAD A JOB, I KNEW A SUAVE HANDS ME YOUNG LADIES MAN WHO GAVE ME SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE, AND I FOLLOWED IT
Y' KNOW, CRUMB, IT WOULD REALLY HELP YOUR CASE WITH WOMEN IF YOU WENT AND GOT YOUR TEETH FIXED... SERIOUSLY!
HM.. YEAH, YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.. I REALLY SHOULD
OH GOD BACK TO THE PLASTIC BRIDGE AGAIN


SO I WAS GRATEFUL, THE DENTIST PUT IN A PERMANENT BRIDGE. IT WAS A KIND OF MIRACLE, SUDDENLY HAVING NORMAL LOOKING TEETH AGAIN THAT WEREN'T UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT OF COURSE, OVER THE YEARS IT HAD TO BE REPLACED SEVERAL TIMES, PLUS ROOT CANALS AND OTHER DENTAL PROCEDURES, ALL CAUSED BY THAT LITTLE IMPULSE I HAD AT THE AGE OF 12... AND I'VE HAD PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACT OUT SIMILAR IMPULSES SINCE THEN...
JEEZ, LOOKIT THIS ASSHOLE GOING 50 MILES AN HOUR! WHAT IF SOMEBODY— ME FOR INSTANCE— HAPPENED TO STUMBLE INTO HIS PATH —


IT'S A MYSTERIOUS THING, THIS MORBID IMPULSE. I HAVE, BUT THE FORCE THAT RULES OUR DESTINIES DID ME A FAVOR WHEN IT ALLOWED ME TO ACT IT OUT THAT ONE TIME AND CAUSE MYSELF JUST ENOUGH BUT NOT TOO MUCH SUFFERING SO THAT I ALWAYS REMEMBER...
DON'T TEMPT FATE!
NIGHT, NIGHT.

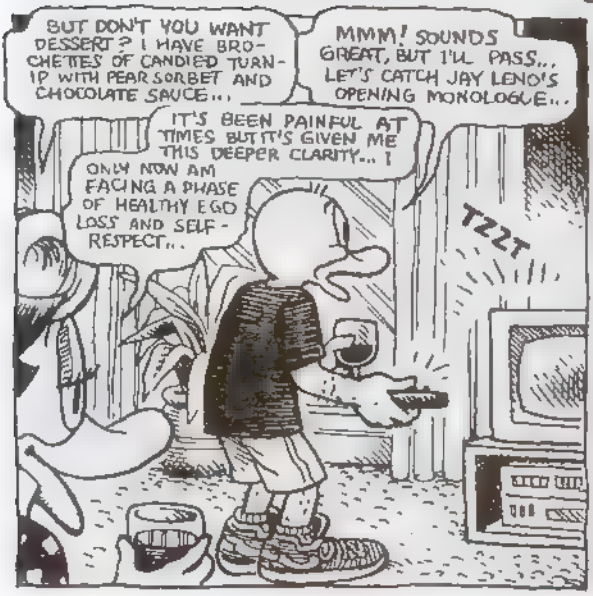
SUPER DUCK

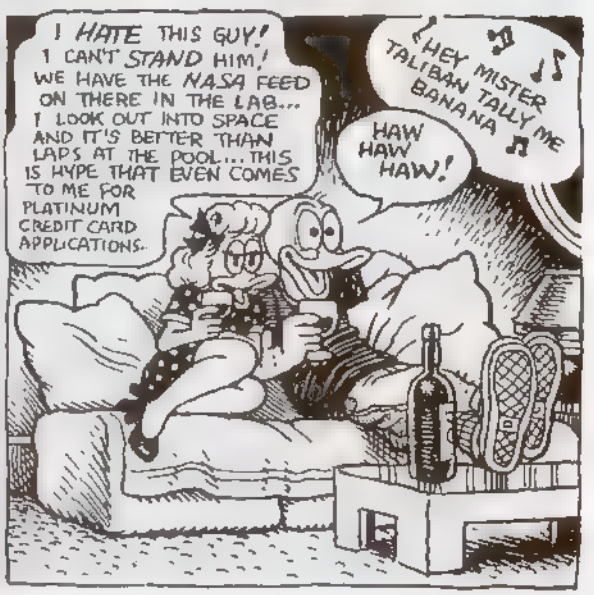
THE COCKEYED WONDER

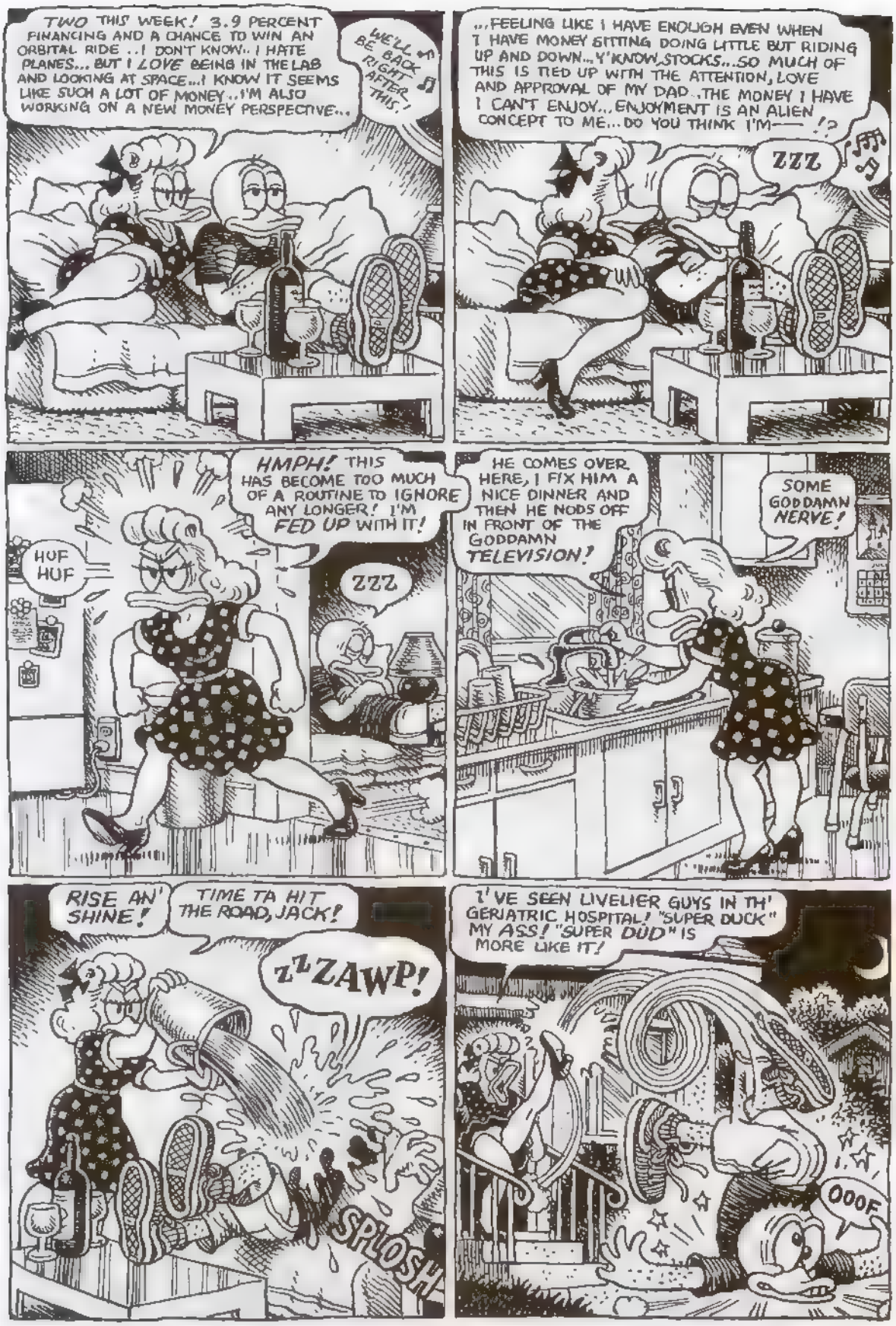
in "FREAK SHOW"

featuring his girlfriend **UWANNA** and his nephew **FAUNTLEROY**

HEY, SUPE, I FORGOT T' TELL YOU, I'VE STARTED BACK TO MY SUFI/GURDJIEFF-FOURTH-WAY CLASS, TAUGHT BY THE DRIVER FOR ANDRE' CANARD, WHO KNEW GURDJIEFF—Y'KNOW, TH' RUSS-IAN MYSTIC—PERSONALLY. I LOVE THE WAY THERE'S SUFI STORIES, HARSH MYSTICISM, AND I CAME AWAY REALIZING WHAT A HEAD TRIP I'M IN... I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIND TIME TO DO TH' HOMEWORK AND THINK ABOUT IT EVEN WITH TECHNOLOGY AND PROFESSIONAL STRESS AGING ME RAPIDLY... OLD TAPES AND NEGATIVITY ARE GETTING AN AIRING THEY'VE NEVER HAD... I STARTED THIS WHEN I WENT TO A MANIFESTING CLASS, MET THIS GUY, JEWISH NUMEROLOGIST THAT A YEAR LATER, FOR MY BIRTHDAY, DID A READ-ING...
GREAT DINNER, AS USUAL, UWANNA... BURMESE CUTTLEFISH WITH CRISPY-FRIED OCTOPUS INK... MY-URP-FAVORITE!
BOY, I'M STUFFED! COULDN'T EAT ANOTHER MOUTHFULL!


BUT DON'T YOU WANT DESSERT? I HAVE BROCHETTES OF CANDIED TURNIP WITH PEAR SORBET AND CHOCOLATE SAUCE...
MMM! SOUNDS GREAT, BUT I'LL PASS... LET'S CATCH JAY LENO'S OPENING MONOLOGUE...
IT'S BEEN PAINFUL AT TIMES BUT IT'S GIVEN ME THIS DEEPER CLARITY... I ONLY NOW AM FACING A PHASE OF HEALTHY EGO LOSS AND SELF-RESPECT...
TZZT


I HATE THIS GUY! I CAN'T STAND HIM! WE HAVE THE NASA FEED ON THERE IN THE LAB... I LOOK OUT INTO SPACE AND IT'S BETTER THAN LAPS AT THE POOL... THIS IS HYPE THAT EVEN COMES TO ME FOR PLATINUM CREDIT CARD APPLICATIONS.
♪ ♪ HEY MISTER TALIBAN TALLY ME BANANA ♪
HAW HAW HAW!

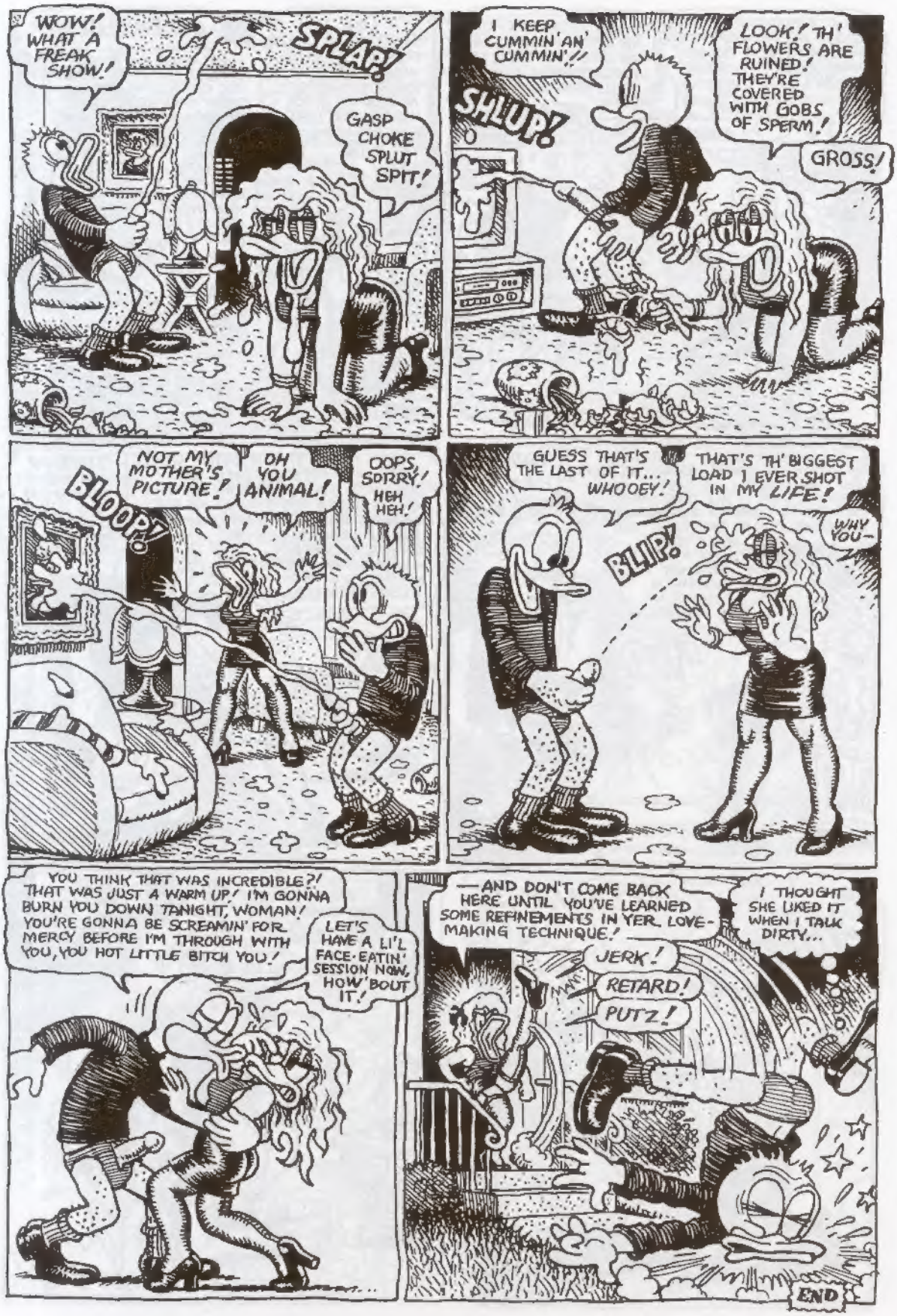

TWO THIS WEEK! 3.9 PERCENT FINANCING AND A CHANCE TO WIN AN ORBITAL RIDE..! DON'T KNOW.. I HATE PLANES... BUT I LOVE BEING IN THE LAB AND LOOKING AT SPACE...I KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A LOT OF MONEY..I'M ALSO WORKING ON A NEW MONEY PERSPECTIVE...
WE'LL BE BACK RIGHT AFTER THIS!
...FEELING LIKE I HAVE ENOUGH EVEN WHEN I HAVE MONEY SITTING DOING LITTLE BUT RIDING UP AND DOWN...Y'KNOW,STOCKS...SO MUCH OF THIS IS TIED UP WITH THE ATTENTION, LOVE AND APPROVAL OF MY DAD...THE MONEY I HAVE I CAN'T ENJOY...ENJOYMENT IS AN ALIEN CONCEPT TO ME...DO YOU THINK I'M—— !?
ZZZ
HMPH! THIS HAS BECOME TOO MUCH OF A ROUTINE TO IGNORE ANY LONGER! I'M FED UP WITH IT!
HUF HUF
ZZZ
HE COMES OVER HERE, I FIX HIM A NICE DINNER AND THEN HE NODS OFF IN FRONT OF THE GODDAMN TELEVISION!
SOME GODDAMN NERVE!
RISE AN' SHINE!
TIME TA HIT THE ROAD, JACK!
ZZZAWP!
SPLOSH
I'VE SEEN LIVELIER GUYS IN TH' GERIATRIC HOSPITAL! "SUPER DUCK" MY ASS! "SUPER DUD" IS MORE LIKE IT!
OOOF

THE LAST TIME WE DID "IT" I BARELY NOTICED IT WAS OVER SO FAST, AN' THAT WAS WEEKS AGO! IF YOU'RE SO BORED WITH ME MAYBE WE OUGHTA JUST FORGET THE WHOLE THING AN' YOU CAN CONCENTRATE ALL YER ENERGY ON STAMP COLLECTING OR SOME DAMN THING!
DON'T BOTHER CALLING ME AGAIN UNTIL YOU GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER, YA HEAR ME?? FUGGING JERK, WHO NEEDS YOU?! I'LL GET MYSELF A YOUNG STUD, A NICE, HEALTHY COLLEGE BOY! DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T HAD PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES! I DON'T NEED YOU!!
CHRIST ALMIGHTY, HOW THAT WOMAN CAN TALK!
BUT, SWEETIE, I—
DON'T "SWEETIE" ME!
OH YEAH, AND TAKE YOUR "GIFT" WITH YOU! HOW MANY TIMES'VE I TOLD YOU I DON'T LIKE CHOCOLATE!? IT MAKES MY SKIN BREAK OUT, AN' ANYWAY YOU SIT THERE GOBBLING THEM IN FRONT OF THE T.V. INSTEAD OF SHOWING ANY INTEREST IN ME! NEXT TIME I SEE YOU I WANT A REAL PRESENT! FUGGIN' ASSHOLE!! BLAH BLAH BLAH...
WHOOEY! I'M OUTA HERE!
BOP!
AND SO, BACK HOME WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS
HEY, SUPE! Y-YOU'RE HOME EARLY!
UH OH, YOU LOOK GUILTY ABOUT SOMETHING, FAUNT!
WHAT TH' HELL IS THAT YOU'RE LOOKIN' AT?!
HAND IT OVER!
ULP!
SNATCH!
GHETTO CHIPS
"...BEAT...OFF..."
PORN!!
JUST AS I THOUGHT!!
HOT VIDEOS
GHETTO CHIPS

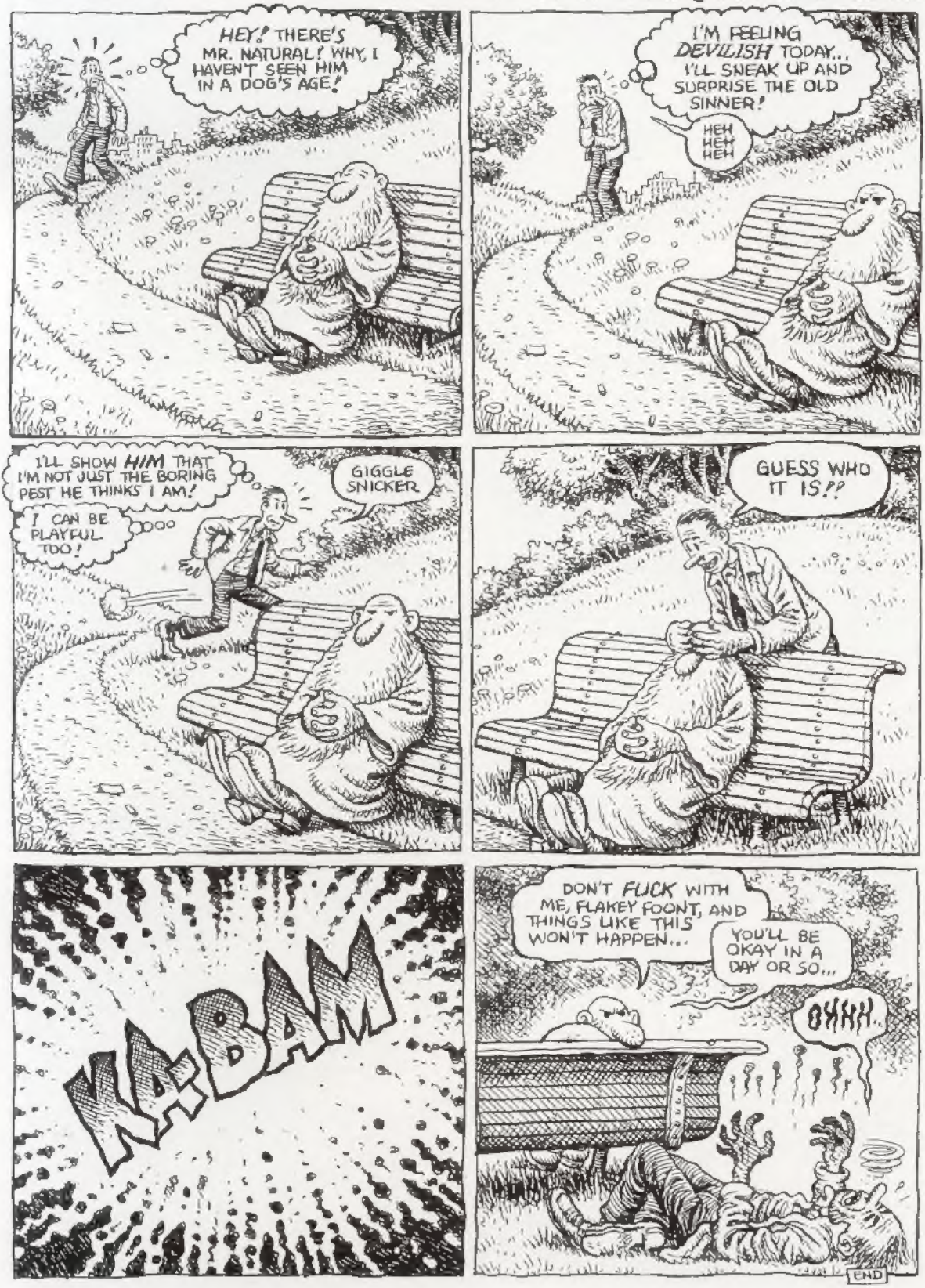
THIS IS A CHRISTIAN FAMILY, GET IT?! NO KID UNDER MY CARE IS GONNA BE LOOKIN' AT FILTH LIKE THIS AS LONG AS I HAVE ANYTHING TA SAY ABOUT IT! YOU GOT THAT??
OW!
SLAP!
YOU'RE GETTIN' OFF EASY, PUNK! NEXT TIME I KETCH YOU WITH SMUT IN MY HOUSE YOU'LL GET A SOUND THRASHING! NOW GO TO YER ROOM AND DO YER HOME-WORK AN' DON'T COME OUT 'TIL I TELL YA TA COME OUT!
BUT SUPE, I ALREADY TOL' YA, THEY DON'T GIVE HOME-WORK AT OUR SCHOOL ANYMORE!
GIT IN THERE, YA LITTLE FUCKER, OR YER DEAD MEAT!!
GIT!
OKAY! OKAY!
DUMB-ASS! HE'S NOT HIP TO TH' INTERNET! ON MY COMPUTER I KIN LOOK AT SHIT WAY MORE TWISTED THAN ANY-THING IN THAT STOO-PID MAGAZINE!
THIS STUFF'S NOT HEALTHY FOR YOUNG DEVELOPING MINDS, BUT I'M AN EMOTIONALLY MATURE ADULT! I KIN HANDLE IT! NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT WE GOT HERE...
OOH!
MH!
HNYEAHN...
OHH, JEEZIZ!
HNGH!
WHATSIS AD? "CUM LIKE A RAGING BULL! WATCH YOUR LOVER'S ASTONISHED LOOK AS YOU BLOW THE BIGGEST, THICKEST LOADS OF YOUR LIFE!" HAW HAW! WHAT A RIOT! "...WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SEXUAL INTENSIFIER! HARD-ER ERECTIONS! UNBELIEVABLE STAMINA! HUGE LOADS! LONGER SPASMS! ...ORGAZ-O-GEN, ONLY $39.95! CALL OUR TOLL-FREE NUMBER..."
HOT VIDEOS! ALL FANTASIES! OUR GIRLS ARE ALL PERVERSATILE!
"I'VE TRIED VIAGRA, AND ORGAZ-O-GEN IS MUCH MUCH BETTER! I WAS HARD AS A ROCK AND LASTED ALL NIGHT LONG!" —SAM, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.
"I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO TURNED ON! PORN STARS SHOULD BE WATCHING US!" —NATASHA, OAKLAND, CALIF.
WOW!
HELLO? YEAH, I'D LIKE TO PUT IN AN ORDER FOR SOME A THIS ORGAZ-O-GEN STUFF. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR DELIVERY? YEH, SHIP IT BY FED-EX! I'LL PAY! HERE'S MY CREDIT CARD NUMBER!
I'LL SHOW HER A THING OR TWO.. YEAH...
HNH HNH

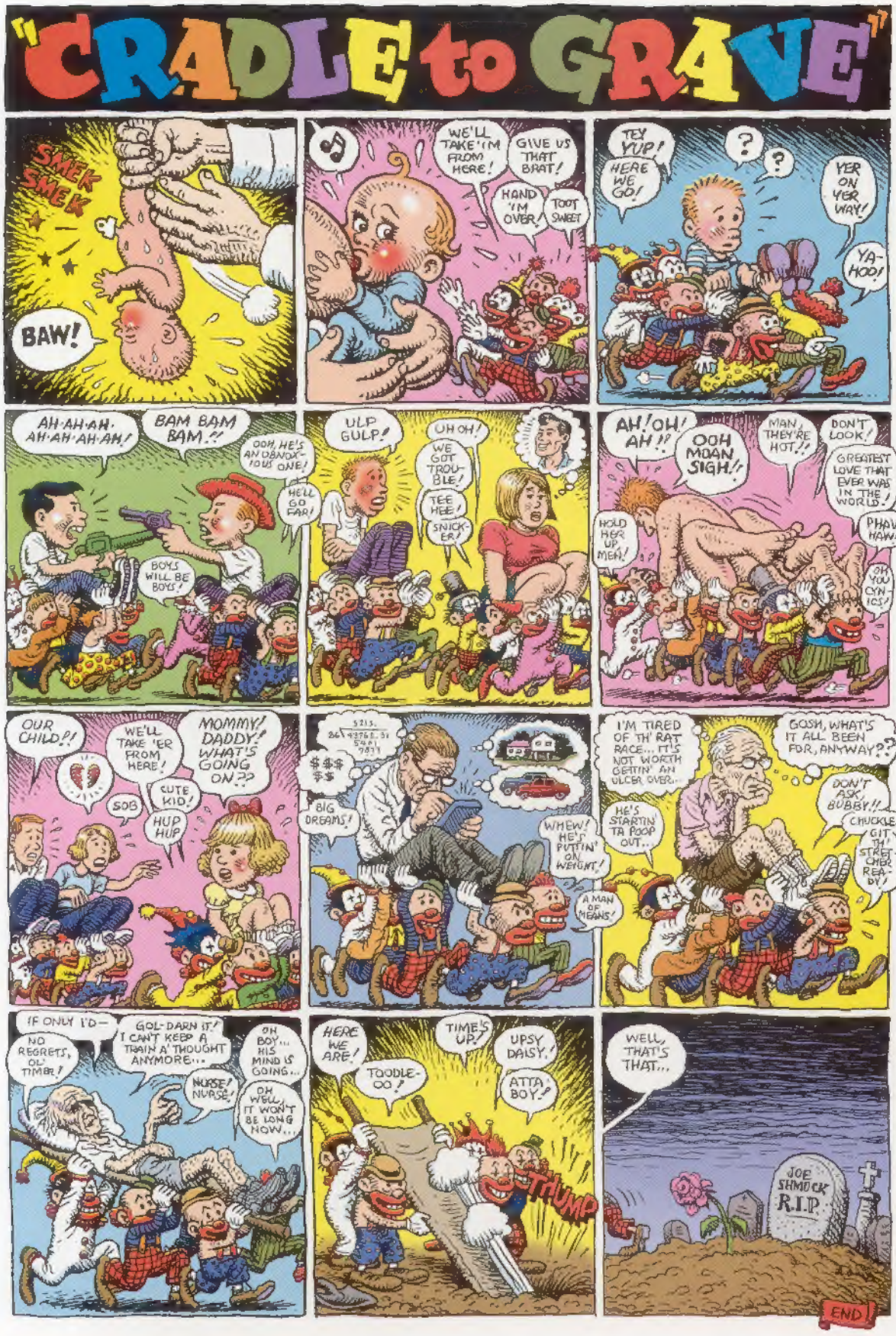
A MERE TWO DAYS LATER
OBOY! IT'S THE GOODS FROM ORGAZ-O-GEN!
TH' FED-EX CHARGE WAS A WHOPPING 75 BUCKS! THIS STUFF BETTER PAY OFF AS ADVERTIZED OR I'LL SUE TH' SONS-A-BITCHES!!
WHUDDJA GET, SUPE??
NONE A YER DAMN BIZNESS, PUNK!
HIYA, BABES! IT'S ME, SUPE! WHUSSUP? HOW YA BEEN?
OH, SWEETIE! I'M SO GLAD YOU CALLED! I THOUGHT I MIGHT NEVER HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN AFTER THE OTHER NIGHT!
I FELT TERRIBLE AFTER I KICKED YOU OUT! WOULD YOU LIKE TO, UM, COME OVER FOR DINNER? WHATAYA DOIN' TANIGHT??
I HAD NO PLANS... SURE! I'D LOVE TO! YEAH, Y'KNOW, I S'POSE WE HAVE SORTA BEEN ACTIN' LIKE AN OLD MARRIED COUPLE LATELY, EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T EVEN LIVE TAGETHER! HEH HEH...
BUT AFTER THAT NIGHT I'VE BEEN THINKIN' THINGS OVER AN' I REALIZED THAT YA GOTTA, Y'KNOW, LIKE, DO THINGS TO KEEP THE RELATIONSHIP EXCITING... Y'KNOW WHUT I MEAN?
OH, ABSOLUTELY, SUPE! OH, HONEY, I LOVE YOU!
I LOVE YOU, TOO, BABY! SO, SEE YA 'ROUND SEVEN, AWRIGHT?
OKAY! I CAN'T WAIT, CUTIE-PIE!
GGGGGG
COMES EVENING
SEZ ON TH' LABEL TA TAKE ONE A' THESE CAPSULES TWO HOURS BEFORE ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY.. WHAT TH' HELL, I'LL TAKE TWO!! THEN I'LL GET DRESSED UP FOR A CHANGE! PUT ON MY FANCY THREADS!
DOWN THE HATCH!
AN' HOUR OR SO LATER
HI-I-I!♪
OH MY GOD! YOU BROUGHT ME FLOWERS!! IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE YOU BROUGHT ME FLOWERS! YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE THEM!
SURE!

YOU REMEMBERED THAT, ROSES ARE MY FAVORITE! SO BEAUTIFUL! I'LL PUT THEM IN WATER RIGHT AWAY!
SNIFF SNIFF
MMM!
HEY, CUTE OUTFIT YA GOT ON THERE, BABE! YOU ARE ONE CUTE, SEXY LI'L CRITTER, I'LL TELL THE WORLD!
JESUS CHRIST, I'M ALREADY GETTING A ROYAL BONER OVER HERE!
YA LIKE THIS SKIRT, HUH? CHECK THIS OUT! I KNOW WHAT WILL GET YOU HOT—GARTERS 'N' SEAMED STOCKINGS 'N' ALL THAT...
OH BAY-BEE!!
LESS TALK AN' MORE ACTION, RIGHT? I REALIZE I'VE BLOWN MANY A GREAT MALE RELATIONSHIP BEING TOO INSECURE, NERVOUS, HORNY, AND I YAK TOO MUCH... POOR GUYS... I WEAR THEM OUT, AND MYSELF TOO...
I'M GONNA GET A THERAPIST TO WORK ON SOME ISSUES AS SOON AS I FIND ONE I LIKE WHO CAN HELP ME SORT IT ALL OUT... MY TROUBLE IS I SPEND THE WHOLE FUCKING DAY IN FRONT OF AN ELECTRONIC BOX! I REALLY WANT TO SPEND A YEAR IN FRANCE...
UWANNA, I—
YULP!
FWOP!
RIGHT NOW I'M IN A CATCH-UP PHASE WITH MY EMOTIONS AND BODY... IT STARTED WITH MY MONTHLY CYCLE LATELY AND IT TURNS ME INTO THE MOST INTENSE UPS AND DOWNS... I REALLY WANT TO LIVE ON THE BEACH SOME DAY... HOW COME YOU NEVER WANNA GO TO THE BLGHSKLPHWRGL...
SHUT UP AN' GET DOWN ON IT! QUICK!!
CANT HOLD BACK— EEEYAAHH!!!
BLURP!
GOOD LORD! THIS THING IS OUT OF CONTROL!!
I GUESS I TOOK TOO MUCH OF THAT STUFF!
PLUP!
HWARP!


WOW! WHAT A FREAK SHOW!
SPLAP!
GASP CHOKE SPLUT SPIT!
I KEEP CUMMIN' AN' CUMMIN'!!
SHLUP!
LOOK! TH' FLOWERS ARE RUINED! THEY'RE COVERED WITH GOBS OF SPERM!
GROSS!
NOT MY MOTHER'S PICTURE!
BLOOP!
OH YOU ANIMAL!
OOPS, SORRY! HEH HEH!
GUESS THAT'S THE LAST OF IT... WHOOEY!
BLIP!
THAT'S TH' BIGGEST LOAD I EVER SHOT IN MY LIFE!
WHY YOU-
YOU THINK THAT WAS INCREDIBLE?! THAT WAS JUST A WARM UP! I'M GONNA BURN YOU DOWN TANIGHT, WOMAN! YOU'RE GONNA BE SCREAMIN' FOR MERCY BEFORE I'M THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU HOT LITTLE BITCH YOU!
LET'S HAVE A LI'L FACE-EATIN' SESSION NOW, HOW'BOUT IT!
—AND DON'T COME BACK HERE UNTIL YOU'VE LEARNED SOME REFINEMENTS IN YER LOVE-MAKING TECHNIQUE!
JERK!
RETARD!
PUTZ!
I THOUGHT SHE LIKED IT WHEN I TALK DIRTY...
END

Mr. Natural .... DON'T FUCK WITH HIM


HEY! THERE'S MR. NATURAL! WHY, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A DOG'S AGE!
I'M FEELING DEVILISH TODAY... I'LL SNEAK UP AND SURPRISE THE OLD SINNER!
HEH HEH HEH
I'LL SHOW HIM THAT I'M NOT JUST THE BORING PEST HE THINKS I AM!
I CAN BE PLAYFUL TOO!
GIGGLE SNICKER
GUESS WHO IT IS!?
KA-BAM
DON'T FUCK WITH ME, FLAKEY FOONT, AND THINGS LIKE THIS WON'T HAPPEN...
YOU'LL BE OKAY IN A DAY OR SO...
OHHH..
END


"CRADLE to GRAVE"
SMEK SMEK
BAW!
WE'LL TAKE 'IM FROM HERE!
GIVE US THAT BRAT!
HAND 'IM OVER!
TOOT SWEET
TEY YUP! HERE WE GO!
?
?
YER ON YER WAY!
YA-HOO!
AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH!
BAM BAM BAM..!!
OOH, HE'S AN OBNOX-IOUS ONE!
HE'LL GO FAR!
BOYS WILL BE BOYS!
ULP GULP!
OH OH!
WE GOT TROU-BLE!
TEE HEE!
SNICKER!
AH! OH! AH!!
OOH MOAN SIGH!!
MAN, THEY'RE HOT!!
DON'T LOOK!
GREATEST LOVE THAT EVER WAS IN THE WORLD!
PHAW HAW!
OH YOU CYN-ICS!
HOLD HER UP MEN!
OUR CHILD?!
WE'LL TAKE 'ER FROM HERE!
MOMMY! DADDY! WHAT'S GOING ON??
CUTE KID!
SOB
HUP HUP
$$$
$$
BIG DREAMS!
WHEW! HE'S PUTTIN' ON WEIGHT!
A MAN OF MEANS!
I'M TIRED OF TH' RAT RACE... IT'S NOT WORTH GETTIN' AN ULCER OVER..
GOSH, WHAT'S IT ALL BEEN FOR, ANYWAY??
DON'T ASK, BUBBY!!
CHUCKLE...
GIT TH' STRETCHER READY!
HE'S STARTIN' TA POOP OUT..
IF ONLY I'D—
NO REGRETS, OL' TIMER!
GOL-DARN IT! I CAN'T KEEP A TRAIN A' THOUGHT ANYMORE...
NURSE! NURSE!
OH BOY... HIS MIND IS GOING...
OH WELL, IT WON'T BE LONG NOW...
HERE WE ARE!
TOODLE-OO!
TIME'S UP!
UPSY DAISY!
ATTA BOY!
THUMP
WELL, THAT'S THAT...
JOE SHMOCK R.I.P.
END